



## Samuel Reed Dooms, Jr.

July 20, 1938 - December 7, 2023

Samuel Reed Dooms, Jr was born on July 20, 1938 in Sanger, CA.

He was born again when he was 12 years old while attending the First Baptist Church in Sanger.

He went home to be with his Lord on December 7, 2023 in Visalia, CA.

He attended school in Parlier, CA, graduating in 1956. Shortly after graduation in October, Sam joined the Navy Seabees (construction battalion).

He spent most of his time in the Navy station at Kwajalein in the Pacific. There was nothing to do for recreation but swimming. You had to swim in pairs because of the sharks. One day he and his buddy caught a baby octopus. They put it in the dependents swimming pool and waited for the ladies to come out for a swim. He said you could hear the ladies screaming all over the base. He worked in the electrical shop on the island. He left the Navy in September 1960 and returned to the family ranch in Parlier, CA.

He went to work for PG&E in December 1960. He was hired to work in the gas department. But as soon as possible he transferred to the electrical department as a groundman. He left the gas department because he did not want to dig any more ditches or holes. Unfortunately, his first job in the

electrical department was to dig a 7-foot-deep hold for a new power pole. He told me that the ground was so hard that it took him 2 to 3 days to dig that hole. He advanced to lineman and then to foreman of a crew. After three back surgeries, he moved into the electrical distribution office. His last job was manager of that office. He retired after 32 years at the age of 54.

He and Paulette moved to Missouri in 1995, and then came back to California in 2011, where they settled in Visalia. They eventually joined Faith Baptist Church where he served as an adult Sunday School teacher and deacon. He served as a deacon in every church they attended.

Sam met Paulette Wood in 1960 and they were married in Sanger, CA in 1961. They remained married for 62 years. They had two sons, Keven Reed Doods and Christopher Paul Doods.

Sam was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Paulette, son Kevin (Yvette) and son Chris. He had three granddaughters, Chelsea (Eric) Hennessey, Emily Doods and Cadence Doods. Two great granddaughters Mason Hennessey and Dylan Hennessey, plus numerous nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Always enjoyed talking with Mr. Dooms when he came to pick up his books at Visalia Library.*



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