



## Thomas E. Swanson

December 14, 1936 - August 19, 2018

Tom was born December 14, 1936 to C. Victor & Helen Swanson in Tulare CA. He attended Sundale Elementary School, Tulare Union High School and was a FFA member graduating in 1954. He attended COS for 2 years & 1 year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

He started working quite young cleaning water troughs in cattle pens at C J Shannon Ranch where his family lived & his father worked. He also drove the cattle trucks hauling cattle.

In 1959 he married Marilyn Thornbury of Visalia the love of his life. They were married for 59 years. In 1959 he went to work for Kottmier Equipment Co in Visalia, then in 1971 went to work for Linder Equipment Co, in Tulare working there until he retired in 2001. He loved his job as a heavy duty truck mechanic; there wasn't anything on a truck that he couldn't repair on a new or old truck. He also farmed on nights and weekends & always had a big vegetable garden which he shared with family & neighbors. He became an avid wood worker after his retirement.

He served in the US Army from June 1960 until honorably discharged June 1962.

He was a member of Tulare County Farm Bureau since 1959.

He is survived by his loving wife Marilyn, son Greg Swanson & his children Craig & Crystal & 2 great grand children, daughter Debbie Vierra & husband Dan & their son Wyatt & wife Elida Vierra, sister Helen Swanson of New York, nephew Scott Swanson of Tulare & several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers Carl R. Swanson & Robert (Bobby) Swanson & nephew Russell Swanson.

A viewing will be held Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel from 4 PM to 7 PM. A graveside service will be held Friday, August 24, 2018 at Visalia District Cemetery in the Pavillion at 10 AM.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to UCLA PEG, PO Box 951770, Los Angeles, CA 90095 for Parkinsons research or your favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 East Caldwell  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Graveside

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas E. Swanson*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - August 23, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Thomas E. Swanson*



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