



William Sherman Blankenship, Sr.

January 23, 1934 - March 19, 2024

William (Bill) Sherman Blankenship Sr., 90, of Visalia died Tuesday March 19, 2024, with family present, due to age related illnesses. A graveside service will be held at 9:30 on April 6 at Visalia Cemetery. A viewing will be available for the public from 5:00-7:00 pm on April 5 at Salser and Dillard funeral Chapel in Visalia at 127 E Caldwell Ave.

Bill's family includes his wife of 71 years Reba Joy; three children, son William Sherman Jr. of Visalia, daughter Rhonda K Capella of Visalia, and son Richard Darl Blankenship of Madera; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents William (Will) and Jessie; Sisters, Lorna Jones, Nadine Mullin, Merilyn Hart and brother, David Blankenship

William was born January 23, 1934, in Visalia. He graduated from Mt. Whitney High School and soon went to work for Bell System. He was proud to have strung the phone lines thru both the Sierra's and Mojave Desert. Bell System eventually became AT&T prior to his retirement at age 55. Bill was a two time Past Master of the Masonic Lodge. He was involved in Boy Scout leadership and Visalia Little League. Due to an increased need for more youth baseball, Bill was instrumental in starting the Cal Ripken VYB League. Bill was a provider that lived an honest life and never shied away from a hard day's

work. He enjoyed traveling the states and being with family.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Graveside

APR 6. 9:30 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 William Sherman Blankenship, Sr.*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 04, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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“ *First met Bill through the American Little League at Clyde Soto Field when my oldest son started in the league. Bill was a driving force within the league who's sol purpose was to make the league an enjoyable experience for all the kids as well adults in the program. His legacy will be carried on in the great memories that we all carry with us through our lifetime. I consider myself lucky and blessed to have been able to volunteer alongside Bill.*

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