



Daniel Ng Kimm

January 11, 1933 - November 26, 2017

Daniel Ng Kimm, 84, whose generous nature was renowned, finally decided another group needed his help, and went to be with his wife, Bette Kimm, on 26 November 2017. Dan was a lifelong resident of Bakersfield, California, attended Kern Union High School, and Cal Poly before enlisting in the US Army in 1954 as a Radiotrician. His choice of military career was not surprising to anyone in the family as they remember him teaching his cousins to make “tin can radios” and working on secret codes.

His athleticism and attitude earned him a position at the Demilitarized Zone where he admitted to smoking the only cigarette of his life, which despite hiding the glow of the cigarette caused him to cough hard enough that it probably gave away his position. He always spoke with great pride of his military service, especially his shooting of a rabbit to feed a local family and his attempt to procure a more lucrative military job, both of which almost led to him being sent home. He returned home and attended Bakersfield College, where his constant willingness to help earned him not only the gratitude of friends, but the love of his soon-to-be wife after a mutual friend asked for his help in fixing Bette’s car.

After college, Dan began his career at local TV Channels 17 and 29 working on their television network broadcast systems on top of Breckenridge Mountain where he would spend weeks at a time away from his family. Dan moved on to work at Arvin-Edison Water Storage District in order to be closer to his family, and then on to the Kern County Water Agency where he spent almost 20 years as an electrician ensuring that water was provided to the residents of Kern County, retiring in 1997. Dan always enjoyed the challenges presented to him and was always there to help others over himself.

In his retirement years, he loved tinkering on random electronics items rescued from dumpsters and was very active in supporting his fellow Korean War vets. Dan was very proud of his Chinese heritage and was instrumental in the placement of China Alley on the register of historic places and did research and contributed information for the book “The Chinese of Kern County: 1857-1960.” Dan loved looking after animals, both his own and those that didn’t belong to him. He sneakily took over his neighbor’s cats when he lost his

beloved dog and mucked his daughter's horse corrals daily for exercise at Robertson Stables where he became a "stable rat." He also enjoyed many years of dove hunting and horseshoe tournaments at "the farm." Although he never was a big gambler, Dan would often take his high school friend to Eagle Mountain Casino and when he won big, he would give it all away. Dan was stubbornly generous and was coined "the nicest man on the planet" by friends, but was also known for sustaining lifelong arguments about politics, gun rights, and the military with wayward friends who didn't always appreciate his opinion.

Dan is reunited with his wife, Bette, his brother, George, and sister, Eleanor, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his sister, Jeanette Young, daughters Lara Kimm (Kelly) and Kathryn Walker (Sean and children Mia and Landon), sister-in-law, Gerry Kimm, nephews, nieces, great nieces, and a large extended family and many friends.

Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Mercy Hospital, and the caring and compassionate staff at the beautiful Hoffman Hospice Home. As Dan's passing was due to complications from valley fever please consider donating to Valley Fever Americas Foundation, Bakersfield SPCA or Hoffman Hospice. The family will host a celebration of life luncheon on January 6, 2018. Please RSVP to Lara Kimm (661) 399-3474 by December 18 in order to attend.

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