



## Billie Junior O'Donnell

July 1, 1928 - May 27, 2024

B.J. "Dusty" O'Donnell, also affectionately referred to as Dad, Papa & Uncle Dusty, passed away peacefully on Memorial Day, 5/27/2024 at the age of 95. We find it very fitting for a WWII Vet to join the Lord Jesus on such an honorable day.

Dusty was the son of the late Hugh and Emma O'Donnell. He was born in Dale, OK in 1928. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Doris O'Donnell and his daughter Micki Bilderbeck. Born third of nine children, he was the last sibling to join the family in Heaven for eternal life.

Born into a large Dust Bowl Era family, the family picked cotton and worked the farms to earn a meager living. As money was always in short supply, the children made most of their toys and games; including stick horses, dolls, and bats made from tree stumps.

Dusty joined the US Navy towards the end of WWII and was stationed at Brooklyn Naval Shipyard in New York and served on the USS Kearsarge, a Navy aircraft carrier. After the war he moved to California to work in the booming oilfields. This is where he met the love of his life, Doris Towry. The two of them were married and chose to make Oxnard, CA their home. They lived there for many years and raised three wonderful children; Danny, Debby and Micki.

After leaving the oilfields, he spent more than 25 years working as a big rig truck driver before retiring to Bakersfield in 1986. He loved the warm weather in Bakersfield. It was the perfect climate for his large vegetable garden where he spent a lot of his time . He loved making homemade “spicy” salsa and his famous chili beans. You could always find him visiting with family and friends on the back porch with a beer in his hand. He loved telling stories and jokes to make everyone laugh. He also spent many years restoring old cars and making friends with all his neighbors and anyone he talked to.

He was a hard worker, sharing the importance of work ethic with his children, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He always said “There ain’t no free lunch!” We will remember him working his land, caring for his many pets from chickens to peacocks, and always on the go.

After a fall in 2024, breaking both of his legs, he remained positive and was hopeful he would regain his mobility. He even enjoyed a beer and some apricot brandy in the evenings in his beautiful retirement home where he was always meeting new people. He fought a good fight, but the Lord called him Home. He passed away peacefully in his sleep, with his son Danny, daughter-in-law Joanne, grand-daughter Dani and her husband Robert by his bedside.

He is survived by his Children ; Danny O’Donnell (Joanne), Debra Hetrick (Randy)

Grandchildren: Dani O’Donnell (Robert), Dustin O’Donnell (Amanda), Amanda Sauter, B.J. Tittlemier (Kristin), Kasey Tittlemier (Mary)

Great grandchildren: Donovan Upton, Riley Wallace, Skylar O’Donnell, Dayne Sauter, Eagan Sauter, Brooklyn O’Donnell, Brixton Webber, Canton Tittlemier, Joc Tittlemier & Micki Tittlemier



# Cemetery Details

## Conejo Mountain Memorial Park

2052 Howard Road  
Camarillo, CA 93012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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## Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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## Military Honors

JUN 11. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Love, Tim and Rana Banks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billie Junior O'Donnell.

Love, Tim and Rana Banks - June 09, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LB

“ Love, Tim and Rana Banks purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Billie Junior O'Donnell.



Love, Tim and Rana Banks - June 09, 2024 at 11:52 AM

MD

“ Marla Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billie Junior O'Donnell.

Marla Davidson - June 08, 2024 at 03:25 PM

MD

“ Marla Davidson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Billie Junior O'Donnell.



Marla Davidson - June 08, 2024 at 03:25 PM

DO

“ He was a very good teacher worked with me on many various projects cars, trucks, bicycles. Showed me how to use tools and even throw a few if things didn't go as planned mostly showed me how to work, always said the quickest way to get run off is to stand around with your hands in your pockets always stay busy get a broom or something just no standing around. I could Go on and on but the main point is he taught me how to work and get along with others I'm gonna miss you were a good man and an excellent Dad I love you Danny

Danny ODonnell - June 07, 2024 at 08:43 PM

DH

He was the best dad ever, he gave us whatever we wanted. He would give me and Micki a bath and wash our feet with a tickle mode and pop our toes, he would count our ribs until we couldn't stand any longer, he would always leave a snack for me and Micki in his lunch pail as he got off work. He would always have Chan on his dresser, we would never have to steal it because all we had to do would ask him for money donut man or ice cream man and he would say “get what you need” he would make up scary stores on the cassette recorder and have me and Micki listen to it in our bedroom with the lights out and we come running out screaming and he would be right there laughing. After working a long day he would always help us with our homework, taught us to drive along with love, respect and responsibility! You were the best dad ever! It's going to be hard not visiting you when I go to Bakersfield, but I know MOM & MICKI'S is going to ask you “What took you so long?”

LOVE you forever Dad❤️

Debra Lynn Hetrick - June 07, 2024 at 10:06 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billie Junior O'Donnell.



June 04, 2024 at 11:41 AM