



## Hobert Forrest

February 6, 1930 - July 8, 2021

Hobert Forrest, age 91, died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on July 8, 2021 at his home in Bakersfield, California. Hobert served in the Army and was a Veteran of the Korean war and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Hobert was born in Oklahoma on February 6, 1930. He was the last surviving of ten children and also a twin. Hobert is survived by his wife Gerre Forrest , daughter Brenda Andrews, son Keith Forrest (Michelle), daughters Susan Gardner and Sandi Mitchell, son Scott Wright (Kirsten), as well as 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren.

Hobert always had candy in his pocket and a song in his heart. He operated on kindness, humor and hard work, and he was admired as a man of honor. Hobert came to this area during the dust bowl. His family, like many, traveled from Oklahoma looking for better opportunities. Hobert was known to seem hurried. If there was a job to get done, he was doing it right then. He liked things to be in order as each day ended, and he worked hard with Gerre to make that happen.

Hobert was a family man. He was always the one to stop by and visit all of his siblings and never missed a family reunion. He loved a house full of loved ones and always cherished visits from his daughter Brenda and her family. As

the patriarch of such a large family he was a teacher. There were many lessons from car repair, responsibility, the importance of maintaining a home, and the value of keeping your things in good working order.

Hobert was a husband and a father, and a brother; these were all jobs he took very seriously, but the role of Papa was his legacy. To each of his grandkids, great grandkids, and great great grandkids his loving heart shined bright and true. A book could be written about how he taught, loved, saved, and honored even the smallest humans and gave them a chance to use their voice. He was a hero to those that called him Papa, and will always be known as such.

# Cemetery Details

## Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd  
Arvin, CA 93203  
(661) 867-2250

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Ridgeview Community Church  
8420 Stine Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93303

## Military Honors

JUL **20**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *He was a wonderful person  
He and his wife Jerri loved visiting with us.*

*He called my husband little hoochie coochie from Hawaii.*

*Ivan called my husband Rooster.*

*He had an amazing smile.*

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**Susan Forrest** - July 20, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Hobert Forrest.*



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July 15, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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“ *What can I even say. I was accepted by this family as one of their own. I will never ever forget papa. I looked forward to visiting him and grandma Gere every time I came to visit Bakersfield. Even though I didn't get to see him much he taught me so much. Every time I would see him and sit next to him he would always have a nugget of info or something to teach me. I keep those memories so close to my heart. A piece of our family may be gone but he is not forgotten. Rest easy papa, I love you so much.*

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**Anthony Defrank** - July 14, 2021 at 11:14 PM