



James Edward Lee

January 26, 1926 - August 3, 2018

James Edward Lee, 92, passed away peacefully at home in Bakersfield, CA on August 3, 2018. He was born in Gracemont, OK to Leonard and Lily (Post) Lee on January 29, 1926. He married Loretta, the love of his life, in March of 1948. Like many men at the time, James lied about his age and enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17. He proudly served his country from 1942 to 1946 during World War II. He was so honored to fight for freedom that he reenlisted and served from 1950 to 1954 during the Korean War. James tried several careers including being a plumber's apprentice, working in the aircraft industry and owning several Beacon service stations. He spent the majority of his employment, 27 years, as a cross country truck driver. He enjoyed his time on the road very much, sometimes taking Loretta along with him. James took pride in having visited 48 of the 50 states as a trucker. He enjoyed fishing, playing guitar and singing, reading Western novels and spending time with his family. In May of 2012 he had the opportunity to take the trip of a lifetime. He went with the Honor Flight organization to Washington DC to visit the War Memorials. He was very proud to tell everyone that he was on the FIRST flight with Honor Flight Kern County. After the trip, he began attending the monthly breakfasts at the VFW hall and made many friends there. James is survived by his wife Loretta Lee, daughter Karen Pierce, son Greg Lee, granddaughter Tara Haskell (John), grandson James Deramus, granddaughter Kloe Lee, 7 great-grandchildren including Daniel and Casey Deramus, a large extended family, and many friends. Our family would like to thank Optimal Hospice for

the kind and gentle care that allowed James to maintain his dignity at home with his family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Honor Flight Kern County or Optimal Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Bakersfield National Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Memorial Service

AUG 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
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Military Honors

AUG **14**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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