



## Norman Ray Estes

April 4, 1935 - February 2, 2016

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Norm was born in Bakersfield, CA in Mrs. Friese's Maternity Home to Orville Ray and Evelyn Ruth Estes. Dad attended Fairfax and Beardsley schools, he graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1953. "Once a Driller always a Driller". He attended Coalinga Junior College and Bakersfield Junior College where he played football for the Renegades. In 1955 Dad married Betty Lynn Vestal. Their union produced three sons: James, David, and Chris. In 1959 he was drafted into the U.S. Army. His duty station was Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. After his separation from the U.S. Army he returned to Bakersfield and resumed working for Standard Oil. Dad became a Sheriff's Reserve officer, and law enforcement became Dad's greatest passion. He started his career in 1965 with the McFarland P.D. and in 1967 was hired by the Kern County Sheriff's Department. He spent a year and a half at the Mojave Substation. Dad remarried in 1968 to Sandy Darneal and had one more son, Norman Douglas. In 1968 he was transferred to patrol in Bakersfield. He worked the strike lines of the famous UFW Grape Strike in 1973. He was part of a K9 unit, and then served as a Superior Court bailiff, finishing his career in the Civil Division. Dad was the epitome of the motto "To Serve and Protect". He retired from the department in 1995.

Babes Gym was his favorite hangout for over the 40 plus years. At the gym many friendships were forged. He loved USC football and attended many

games. You could always hear him at the games, be it B.C., E.B. or youth games by his famous and beloved catchphrase "Put a helmet on em"! Dad loved the family vacations at Bass Lake. Camping, boating and water skiing. His stories of Elmer were a legend. He work for the Kern County Fair, from 2003 through 2011 in Building 2 assisting vendors with their many issues. Dad is survived by his wife of 48 years Sandy, sons James (Vicki), David (Becky), Chris and Norman. Grand children Jason, Scott, Zack, Tiffany, Kristin, Alyssa, Heather, and Breanna. Great-grandchildren Steven, Kiyli, Kallie, Gage, Carlos, and Landon. Extended family Stephanie, Richard, Mark and Nathan, Cameron, Alina & Alyssa. A special extended thank you to dad's caretaker Teresa Mojica for lovingly caring for dad and supporting our family through his passing. Funeral services will be held Friday Feb. 19th @ 2pm at the National Cemetery in Arvin, CA. Immediately following there will be a celebration of his life in Harvest Hall at the Kern County Fairgrounds. Enter at gate 40 off Ming Ave. You can share thoughts and comments of Dad by going to [www.missionfamilymortuary.com](http://www.missionfamilymortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd  
Arvin, CA 93203

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Ray Estes.*



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February 16, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“ *Scritch and Myrna purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norman Ray Estes.*



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**Scritch and Myrna** - February 12, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Ray Estes.*



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February 05, 2016 at 09:56 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories



**Mission Funeral Home** - February 04, 2016 at 11:09 AM

KJ

*I am so sorry for your loss Sandy. Norm was always the sweetest person and so funny. We will miss him terribly. We will forever keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We are and always will be friends. Love to you all. Karen, Olga and Julie.*

**Karen johnson** - February 04, 2016 at 04:13 PM

SC

*Sandy (A.K.A. Mom), Jamie, David, Chris, and Norm. There is no need for me to express what your family has meant to me. From the first time I showed up at East High you guys opened up your home and welcomed me with open arm. You were, and always will be, my second family. I will always remember the well deserved ass chewing's to the "job well done" from Pops. He was always a true class act. "GO S.C., Screw Notre Dame"*  
*Scritch*

**Scritch** - February 12, 2016 at 05:49 PM

MG

*I met Norm at the gym years ago and worked with him as a Deputy D.A. After his retirement, I saw him at the Fair several years, while setting up our booth. Norm was in charge of the security for Building 2, and we talked exercise and football, and as he rooted for the Denver Broncos and told us about the lunch his wife had prepared for him. What a wonderful person who will be greatly missed! Mark and Robyn Garibaldi*

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**Mark Garibaldi** - February 14, 2016 at 05:06 PM

PG

*I also worked with Norm when we both worked in superior court. I recently saw Norm and we had such a nice conversation. ...reminisced over the fun times we had...he was a pleasant, caring person, but a tough guy who taught me alot about in conversation about law enforcement. ...Sandy, my prayers go out to you and your family. ..Norm, a new cloud in the sky..*

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**Patti garcia** - February 15, 2016 at 10:05 AM

TW

*Sandy and family, Norm was a special cousin and we share your loss. I first met my cousin Norm when I first came to California in the mid 1940s. We had many stories to share over the years with our law enforcement careers. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Barbara and TomWeimer*

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**Tom & Barbara Weimer** - February 17, 2016 at 06:26 PM

EL

*Thoughts and prayers to you all. Eleanor Marquez Lara*

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**Eleanor Lara** - February 18, 2016 at 11:08 AM