



## Robert Leroy Hockett

July 8, 1937 - June 17, 2023

Bob was born in New York City, New York to Bertha Pauline Hoffman (Fieldsa) and Berger Theodore Fieldsa on July 8, 1937. He moved to Santa Maria, California when he was a small child. When he was five his mother married Alvin Wesley Hockett. Bob and his sister, Shirley assumed Al's last name of Hockett. Al was a good father to Bob and Shirley. The family then moved to Glenville California for about a year. Bob attended Glenville elementary school during that year. His family purchased a house in Posey, California, where he attended a one room school house in Jack Ranch, California until he went to high school. He went to high School in Porterville High. Because Porterville was so far away he would board with a teacher Monday through Friday and go home on the weekend his freshman year. His Sophomore year his family rented a house in Porterville so that his sister could enjoy her senior year. When he was old enough to get his license he continued to board however, now he drove himself home for the weekends.

After high school Bob joined the Army branch of the military. Six days after he finished bootcamp the Korean War was over. He said that he was in the mop up crew. After he served in our armed forces he spent then next year traveling the East Coast, visiting many friends and family members. When he returned home in 1959 he met and married Betty Jane Hunnicutt. They had three children together, Lynn Dee (Amber), Dawn Michelle and Natalie Jean. He later married Dortha Stafford in 1971. He married the love of his life, Genie

Marks in 1988.

Bob dedicated his life to his family and the Kern County Fire Department. He started with the Kern County Fire Department July 25, 1961. He put himself through college and went many times to the Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD while working. He worked his way up to Battalion Chief before retiring. He retired from the Kern County Fire Department on October 7, 1991. After retiring Bob worked as the organizer and cook of the Fireman's Picnic for 29 years. He took pride in his, "from scratch recipes" that were top secret. In his free time he loved to travel, do woodwork and spend time in his wood shop, dance, shoot pool and write his "Story of the Day" on Facebook.

Bob is preceded in death by Berger Fieldsa, Bertha Hockett, Alvin Hockett, Dortha Stafford, Genie Hockett, Shirley Conley, Jeani Cooper, Russell Stafford and Randy Stafford

Bob is survived by a sister Marge Zaborney, children Amber Osborn and Dawn Jordan. Stepchildren Kathy Burnett, Leslie Marks and Tom Marks. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" Leroy Hockett (Fieldsa), 85, of Bakersfield, passed away on June 17th, 2023 in Bakersfield.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Graveside Service

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
9101 Kern Canyon  
Bakersfield, CA 93306

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Leroy Hockett.*



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June 26, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Marjorie Z. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Leroy Hockett.*

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**Marjorie Z.** - June 23, 2023 at 12:13 PM