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Fresno, California - On Sunday, January 24, 2021 Duane Wallace Turk, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend, passed away at the age of 95. Duane was born on December 13, 1925 in Dinuba, CA. He grew up on a ranch in Kingsburg, CA and attended Kingsburg High School. Duane married Lucile Mae Kroeker in 1948, proposing three months after meeting on a blind date. They celebrated their 72nd anniversary in July of 2020.

Duane enlisted in the Navy in April 1943. He was 17-years-old. He served during WWII as an SB2C Helldiver gunner and radioman with Scouting Squadron Sixty-Nine-VS-69. He enjoyed his time in the Navy and was proud of his service as an Aviation Radioman/3rd Class. Once discharged from the Navy he joined the Fresno City Fire Department and retired as a Battalion Chief after 35 years of service.

During his life, Duane enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, boating and spending time with friends and family. He will be remembered for excellent storytelling and love for his family and friends. Duane cherished and loved his wife and could often be seen holding her hand, especially in their later years. Duane loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and was proud of all their accomplishments.

His wife Lucile, 3 children and their spouses; son Daryl Turk of Tampa, FL, daughter Diane Turk West of Clovis, CA, and daughter Kimberly Turk Collins of Fresno, CA, as well as 7 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren survive him. Duane was preceded in death by his beloved sisters Marjorie Turk, Marilyn (Turk) Hanson and parents, Samuel Wallace and Bernadine Hazel Turk.

Previous Events

Graveside

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

Kingsburg Cemetery
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Tribute Wall

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“ Had my first piece of deer jerkey that Duane dried on the their clothes line. Was priviledged to hear many a story of his service days early mornings on Michigan. Whats on the agenda today Sally, he'd say. Will miss seeing him at Save Mart buying something good for he and Lucile for dinner. Many fire house recipes too. Truly a remarkable man, neighbor and friend. I sure will miss him. Love Tom and Sally Bressler

Sally Bressler - March 03, 2021 at 02:33 PM

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“ I remember;
* the days at the cabin -- when we would get up earlier and go fishing,
* the days at the ocean -- where we would go clamming, fishing, gooey ducking, and hunting for abalones,
* the days -- when dad helped me build the treehouse for my sister and I.
I have so many memories of Dad's kind, gentle, and tutoring actions -- they are hard to contain or store in a single location.

I don't know what changed, maybe it was growing up or maybe it was High School, but something changed.

He will be missed and loved for his brief time here on earth.

Love;

Daryl, Carolyn, Sarah, Jason, and Robert

Daryl Turk - February 02, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Duane and I became friends at a weekly veterans class in Clovis. For nearly ten years I enjoyed his stories about his service in the war. Duane was one of my heroes. We exchanged hunting and fishing stories, and the dumb things we survived as youths. His was surely a life of adventure, taking on everything that excited him head on, and coming out a better man. A strong yet suprisingly humble man when one got to know him. My final salute, Duane, God speed. Vaya con Dios. -Richard Ramos*

Richard Ramos - January 31, 2021 at 10:08 AM