



Jesse E. Englebright

July 31, 1931 - February 24, 2025

Jesse E. Englebright, 93, of Reedley, CA passed away peacefully on February 24, 2025. Jesse was born July 31, 1931, in Quinton Oklahoma, the oldest son of Elmer and Effie Englebright. In 1936 the family moved to Arizona where his mother passed away in 1938. During the World War II years, his family lived in San Francisco and Oakland where his father worked in the shipyards as a boiler operator. At the end of the war, his family moved to Fresno. In 1946 his father died suddenly of a heart attack leaving Jesse and his siblings orphaned. He and his siblings then spent time living with his grandparents, first in Oakland, CA and then Peoria, AZ.

Jesse enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950. In 1953 Jesse married Lillie Hiltibidal of Kingsburg, CA. In October of 1954, the young couple welcomed the birth of their first child, David. Jesse received an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1954. In August of 1955, the family moved into a new house on Roosevelt Street in Kingsburg, which remained the family home for more than 60 years. In January 1957, Jesse and Lillie welcomed the birth of their daughter, Joann.

In 1963, Jesse began a more than 40-year career in sales and customer service with San Joaquin Glass Company in Fresno. He loved his job and stayed in touch with his former colleagues until his passing.

In 1965, his wife Lillie passed away following a lengthy battle with cancer. In 1968, Jesse married Sharon Rogers of Kingsburg, CA. In 1971, they welcomed the birth of their son, Scott. Jesse and Sharon enjoyed 57 years of marriage until her passing in 2022.

Jesse is survived by his son David Englebright and wife Janice of Reedley, daughter Joann Berlak and husband Mike of Lake Wylie, South Carolina, son Scott Englebright and wife Cindy of New York City, New York. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Justin Berlak and Amy Berlak of South Carolina and two great-grandchildren, Ava Giebel and Violet Frayseth, of South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wives, Lillie and Sharon, his parents, brother Clarence Englebright, sister Jewel Dye and half-brother William (Truman) Englebright.

Thank you to the entire staff of Sierra View Homes in Reedley for taking such compassionate care of Jesse during the final months of his life.

Donations may be made in his memory to Hume Lake Christian Camps.

Memorial services will be held 10:00 AM Thursday, March 13th, 2025 at The Worship Centre, 2830 E. Manning Avenue, Fowler.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

The Worship Centre
2830 E. Manning Avenue
Fowler, CA 93625

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jesse E. Englebright*



Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel - February 27, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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Jess Englebright was one of my favorite people. He was kind and gracious. We became friends when Scott was in high school. Scott was in the band with our son. Jess was very proud of Scott.

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“ *Mobile Webcast of the Funeral Service from the Fowler Worship Centre church on Thursday March 13th at 10am.*

<https://www.viewlogies.net/salser-and-dillard/hT6QrDZBs?pin=842882>

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapels - March 05, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse E. Englebright.*



February 28, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jesse E. Englebright.

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