

## **George Daniel Gross**

George Daniel Gross of Hanford was born in Gary, Indiana on June 18, 1933 and passed away with family at his side in Hanford on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009.

Dan was a resident of Avenal for 54 years and moved to Hanford five years ago to be closer to family. Dan grew up in the Barstow area and attended Barstow High School. Dan joined the National Guard in 1950 which eventually led to a stint in the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Germany for his tour of duty. In 1952 Dan started his career with PG&E as a compressor transmission mechanic in Hinkley, California working on the large engines. In 1953 Dan married his high school sweetheart, Judith Gail Cox and moved to Avenal as a result of a work transfer of the PG&E compressor station located at Plymouth Avenue and the Avenal Cut-Off. Dan not only worked at the Avenal station but also spent time patrolling the pipeline that delivers gas to California and into the Bay area. After a 37 year career Dan retired from PG&E in 1989. Dan, an avid camper and RV'er, spent the majority of his retirement traveling with wife Judy and friends throughout the United States. Dan not only enjoyed camping but also fishing, playing cards and was a huge NASCAR racing fan. While residing in Avenal Dan was involved in the community through Cub Scouts, Little League and the Avenal High School Booster Club. Dan also served as a board member on the Avenal District Hospital Board of Directors and served on the Avenal City Council.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Beulah Gross, as well as brothers, Sonny and Allan Gross. Dan is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy Gross of Hanford; sons, Bob Gross of Walnut Creek and his wife Cheryl, Bill Gross of Lemoore and his wife Dixie; daughter, Joni Wheat of Hanford and her husband Brian. Dan had four grandchildren, Michele Sandoval of Visalia, Danica Rhyne of Armona, Staci Cooper of Hanford and Kevin Wheat of Hanford; five great-grandchildren, Destiny Sandoval, Emma Rhyne, Sierra Rhyne, Daniel Sandoval and Bailey Cooper.

Celebration of Life Services will be private.

Remembrances may be sent in the memory of George Daniel Gross to the Adventist Health Homecare Hospice Services, 460 Kings County Drive, Suite 101, Hanford, CA 93230.



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