



Howard Necolious Hooker

April 3, 1936 - November 21, 2020

Howard Necolious Hooker was born on April 3, 1936 in San Diego, California to Rebecca (Thomas) James and Necolious Mike Hooker, both whom are deceased. Howard graduated from San Diego High School in 1954 and entered the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served for four years. He married Emily Armstrong on September 18, 1954. Six children were born to that union. After 28 years of marriage, they divorced. Howard worked a number of jobs, including as a mechanic at Rohr Industries, meter reader at SDG&E, mail sorter at the U.S. Post Office, and an independent truck driver. He was retired for over 20 years.

Howard was determined to teach his children the importance of education and the value in a strong work ethic. In his children's formative years, Howard was an instrumental member of Skyline Pop Warner and Skyline Baseball League. He was a coach, mentor, referee, umpire, and league official. Numerous former players sent messages to the family via Facebook. Some of those messages include, "I loved him like a Father and Mentor". "I'll miss his smile and his friendship". "He was an awesome person with a tremendous sense of humor". "I'll remember Mr. Hooker taking us to ride dune buggies in the canyons behind Morse High School". "He was a community warrior" and "A pillar of strength for the Skyline community". As his children mourn his passing, they are comforted by these kind words. We are reminded of Howard's influence and passion for nurturing young people. The fact that those whom he mentored still reflect on his influence is a testament to his contribution to the Skyline community. After Howard retired, he found solace in traveling and in his daily visits to the George Stevens Senior Citizen Center. He loved playing cards every Friday, singing Karaoke, trips to the casinos, and he was a devout San Francisco 49ers fan. Howard was called home to be with the Lord on November 21, 2020.

Howard is survived by five of his children: Howard Rene Hooker (Elizabeth), Harold James Hooker (Tamara), Penny Rochelle Parks (deceased), Bonnie Lynn Reddick, Ronald Kevin Hooker, and DeeAnn Michelle Hooker; 18 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; brothers: Necolius Hooker (Gwenivere) and Steve Hooker (Phyllis), and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cemetery

Greenwood Memorial Park

4300 Imperial Avenue

San Diego, CA, 92113

Events

DEC **Committal Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA, US, 92121

DEC **Military Honors** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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