



## Joe W. Oppelt

February 6, 1921 - April 2, 2018

Joe W. Oppelt passed away on April 2, 2018 at the Samaritan Village in Hughson, CA. He was 97 years old.

Joe was born on February 6, 1921 in Devine, TX. His early years were spent growing up in San Antonio, TX but he called Turlock, CA his home for more than 50 years.

On February 19, 1958, Joe married the love of his life, Maxine Lavonne Myers in Mi-Wuk Village, CA.

Joe served proudly for over 20 years in the United States Army, serving in both WWII as a Master Sargent and then later in the Korean War, where he earned numerous medals of honor for his valor. After being honorably discharged, he started his management position at Housing Authority of Stanislaus. After devoting 20 years to them, he finally retired in 1980.

A hardworking, diligent young man, Joe was always active physically and socially after his retirement. An avid walker, he walked 5 miles a day. He was also involved with many clubs, all of which include: Shriners International, Free & Accepted Masons of California, Turlock Lodge (Master Mason), Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of S.J., USA, and the VFW of Turlock. His proudest accomplishment was his lifetime membership with the Master Mason's.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Oppelt and three children, Jody Oppelt Dromgoole, Barbara Lee Oppelt Busby and Mary Jo Oppelt Dromgoole. He is survived by his stepson, Roger L. Gregg of Turlock, CA, 11

grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Spirited and full-of-life, Joe will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 9, followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10. Both services will be held at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock.

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.  
Turlock, CA 95380  
(209) 632-9111  
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

## Interment

APR **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park  
575 N Soderquist Rd  
Turlock, CA 95380-3749  
(209) 632-9111

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe W. Oppelt*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe W. Oppelt.*



April 08, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *From His Brother Alfred & Helen Oppelt purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joe W. Oppelt.*



**From His Brother Alfred & Helen Oppelt** - April 07, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *I have many memories of my Grandfather, Joe W Oppelt. I just read his obituary and was very sad & disappointed that his children that passed away before him were not listed. Jody Oppelt Dromgoole, Barbara Lee Oppelt Busby & Mary Jo Oppelt Dromgoole.*

**Janet Busby Brown** - April 05, 2018 at 08:08 PM

AL

*I wish I had been able to meet him. I always heard amazing things about him from my mother.*

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**alice** - April 06, 2018 at 07:59 AM

AJ

*Janet I know what you mean because my dad Alfred his brother wasn't mentioned as the only surviving sibling*

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**Alfred Oppelt Jr.** - April 08, 2018 at 10:41 AM

TK

*My deepest apologies to the Oppelt family. Having been left to deal with all pieces of Grandpa's death mostly on my own there were many things to take care of. He never talked about his out of state family to me so the only way I even knew anything was by stumbling across various cards and letters from some people. I didn't know he had any siblings but i did find that he had daughters. I've already asked the funeral home to edit the obit when they come in tomorrow. I'm sure the obituary you do for him in your local papers will be lovely.*

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**Teresa Kellstrom** - April 08, 2018 at 11:29 AM