



## Merle Dean Speer

April 28, 1940 - January 28, 2019

Merle Dean Speer, 78, passed away on Monday, January 28th in Merced, CA. Merle was born in Ewing, MO on April 28, 1940. After moving to Fresno, CA, he met the love of his life, Sandra Sue Olmstead. They were married on December 24, 1957. After living in Hollister and Merced for a time, Merle and Sandy packed up and headed east, where they settled in Council Hill, on the outskirts of Checotah, OK. They spent roughly 20 years there and made many wonderful friends.

Merle's greatest passion in life always revolved around his love for antique cars. He adored auto junkyards and swap meets. His favorite car, and easily his proudest, was a '32 Chrysler Roadster. In Checotah, he was a member of the Rust to Riches Car Club. Merle loved the Lord. He attended the Merced First Assembly of God Church.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother, and stillborn son. He is survived by his darling wife of 61 years, Sandy; his loving children: son, Rodney and daughters, Melody, Denise, and Susan; 15 beautiful grandchildren; and 7 adoring great-grandchildren, with a little man due in June. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret, 96, of Hollister, CA and many lovely nieces and nephews. Merle will be dearly missed by his family and friends, both in California and Oklahoma.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at the Merced First Assembly of God Church, 1350 Yosemite Pkwy, Merced, CA 95341, with Pastor Arnold Hultgren and Pastor Randy Benefiel officiating. His

son, Rodney will be reading the Eulogy.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Merced First Assembly of God  
1350 Yosemite Pkwy  
Merced, CA 95341

# Tribute Wall



“ *Merle Dean Speer*

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