



## Robert "Bob" J. Backus

April 26, 1925 - October 24, 2020

Robert "Bob" J. Backus passed away at home on October 24, 2020 at the age of 95. He was born and raised in Turlock, graduating with the Class of '44. He was a World War II veteran serving in the Philippines and Japan as part of the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division. Until his death, he was among the approximately 300,000 American World War II veterans still living out of the 16,000,000 that served.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Nancy Kay, and two sons, Douglas Robert (Debra) and Stephen Mark (Caroline). He is also survived by five grandchildren, Jonathan Backus, Michelle Peden (Greg), Alexandria Backus, Adrianna Backus, and Joshua Backus, and three great-grandchildren, Nicole Backus, Daniel Peden, and Rose Peden. He leaves behind four generations of beloved nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife Kay in 1984, who he has been eagerly waiting to see. He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Russell, Benjamin, Joseph and Paul, and three sisters, Mary Khinoo, Martha Daniel, and Faith David.

Robert was the owner of R&K Processors in Turlock until his retirement. He was involved with Castle Air Museum for years, restoring planes and donating his time, trucks and equipment. He traveled all over the western United States retrieving airplanes and parts for Castle for restoration. He was a man of great faith and served his church well.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020. A funeral

service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020. All services will be held at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. Following the funeral, Robert will be laid to rest at Turlock Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 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

NOV **2**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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

## Interment

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" J. Backus*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" J. Backus.*



November 02, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" J. Backus.*



October 29, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *Dear Backus Family:  
I am very saddened for the loss of your Dad.  
He was a nice & kind man and my dad ( Henry  
Adams) were good friends growing up, possibly  
a distant relative? Please except our  
condolences from our family to yours.  
Yours Truly,  
The Adams Family- Joanne, Nellie & Nora*



**NELLIE MORSE** - October 28, 2020 at 12:23 PM