



Glenn Mar

June 1, 1927 - January 9, 2018

Glenn Mar was born to Arthur and Susan Mah June 1, 1927 in Fresno California, the 5th of 12 children. In the summer of 1928, the family returned to China where the story is that Glenn learned to walk on the ship. When Japan began to invade China in July of 1937, the family decided it was time to leave China, so the entire Mah family headed back to Fresno. Glenn attended Edison Senior High and was then drafted into the Army in early 1945, when he turned 18. Glenn was one of 5 brothers who served in the armed forces overseas with Glenn being stationed one year in Yokohama, Japan. After being honorably discharged, Glenn returned home to Fresno to work in the family business, Lightning Company while attending Fresno State. After 4 years of college, Glenn graduated from Fresno State with a business degree. He found a job with the National Dollar Store in Fresno. In December of 1951, Glenn went on a blind date with a young lady named Rose Kong. Glenn and Rose married in April of 1955 and a month later got the good news of a job promotion and move to Visalia. In 1959 Glenn went to work for Young's Super Market. Later in 1960 he decided to go into business for himself and opened Mar's Fashion on Main St. in Visalia. In 1962 he opened a second store in Hanford called Tina's Fashions. Glenn and Rose were thrilled in 1962 to add to their family, son Brett, and again in 1965, daughter Allison. In 1970, their children began attending First Baptist Day Care. It was at First Baptist they realized their need to accept the Lord as their personal savior and where they gained many lifelong friends. Tragedy came to Glenn in 1985 when the Lord took Rose away suddenly on their 30th anniversary, the result of a brain aneurysm. God took Rose, but He gave Glenn his second love, Gloria. They met while working in the Junior High Program at First Baptist. With his marriage to Gloria in March 1987, Glenn's family grew to include two new daughters, Mindy and Jennifer. He retired in 1992 after 30 years but didn't quit giving back to the City he loved  Visalia. Glenn was a 59-year member and past president of the Visalia Host Lions Club and board member of the Visalia Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Downtown Visalians, YMCA, Visalia Toastmasters, Turning Point, and Deacon at First Baptist Church. He was also involved in various Bridge Clubs, Dance Clubs and was a charter member of the Visalia Racket Club. One of his greatest honors was being selected to serve as a member of the Grand Jury of Tulare County. Glenn was blessed with many good friends, and he counted them as a

treasured gift. One of Glenn's favorite daily activities was to meet with the morning coffee club Downtown to discuss the daily news. Glenn's great passion was sports, and he loved track and field! He volunteered at local community events as an official timer and was able to attend the Olympics in 1984 and 1996. In his retirement years Glenn and Gloria were able to travel and visit most places on their "bucket" list. They loved sailing on Princess Cruises, sometimes just the two of them, sometimes with friends, and often with the whole family. Glenn is survived by his wife Gloria Mar of 30 years, sisters Ling, Git Sue, and Mayme; brothers, Dennis and Carson; Children, Brett Mar, Allison Mar, Mindy Roeben and Jennifer Krause; grandchildren, Nikolaus Schapansky, Alex Schapansky, Macie Roeben, Kaylee Roeben, Mitchell Mar, Hannah Krause, and Natalie Krause; great-grandchild Makenna Schapansky and a great number of nieces and nephews. A viewing will be held at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel on Thursday January 18th from 4-7p.m. Glenn's celebration service will be held on Friday January 19th, at 11:00 a.m. at Gateway Church at 1100 S. Sowell Street, Visalia, CA 93277. Burial to follow at Visalia Cemetery at 1300 West Goshen Avenue, Visalia.

Cemetery Details

Visalia District Cemetery

1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Previous Events

Funeral

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (PT)

Gateway Church of Visalia
1100 S Sowell St
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall

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“ *A great video celebrating the life of Pop. He is a great man who leaves a legacy lived through his kids and grandkids. Check it out!*

BRETT MAR - January 18, 2018 at 12:08 AM

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“ *Uncle Glenn will be missed. He was so sweet and caring. My deepest sympathy to the whole family. He was a blessing to many. May God comfort you all in this time.*

Tracey (Kong) Elliott

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