



Kermitt Eugene Dickey

March 8, 1932 - January 18, 2026

Kermitt Eugene “Dick” Dickey, age 93, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2026,

in Granite Bay, California. He was born on March 8, 1932, in Worden, Yellowstone

County, Montana, to John and Roberta “Birdie” Dickey.

Dick was raised during the Great Depression, and his family moved frequently throughout Montana before settling in Billings in 1943. He graduated from Billings High

School and proudly served in the United States Army, where he was stationed in Japan

during the later part of the Korean War.

Upon returning home, Dick married his junior high school sweetheart, Jacqueline

“Jackie” Armstrong, on January 2, 1954, in Billings, Montana. After a brief time in

Billings, the couple moved to Chicago, Illinois, where Dick completed a year of electronics training. They later returned briefly to Billings before relocating to California

to be near Jackie’s father.

Dick worked for Kaiser Aerospace on the Polaris missile project and Lockheed before

transitioning into retail business ownership in San Jose. In 1970, the family

moved to Nevada County, settling on Combie Road, where Dick and Jackie opened Combie Country Store in 1971. Over the years, the business expanded to include five buildings with a wide variety of tenants, providing goods and services to the Higgins Corner community and becoming a local landmark.

Dick was a lifelong sports fan and a devoted supporter of the San Francisco 49ers,

Golden State Warriors, and San Francisco Giants. He enjoyed reading, but above all

else, he loved work—hard work—and took great pride in everything he did.

A man deeply committed to service, Dick was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran

Church in Auburn, California, since 1971. He was also a charter member of the Higgins Diggins Lions Club, where he served at both the club and district levels,

including a term as District Governor, along with many other leadership and service

roles.

Dick will be remembered for his unwavering work ethic, generosity, and dedication to his

family, community and civic life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Roberta Dickey; his brother, Oliver

B. "O.B." Dickey; and his beloved wife, Jackie Dickey.

He is survived by his son, Steve Dickey; daughter, Barbara Lawrence; son-in-law, Robert Lawrence; grandsons, Maxwell Lawrence and Scott Lawrence; greatgranddaughter, Theia Lawrence; and nieces Michelle Dickey of Vacaville, California,

and Cheryl Struthers of Boise, Idaho.

Previous Events

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FEB **14**. 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
275 Nation Dr.
Auburn, CA 95603

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Higgins Lyons Community Center
22490 E. Hacienda Dr.
Grass Valley, CA 95949

Tribute Wall



“ *Gabi A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kermitt Eugene Dickey.*

Gabi A. - February 14 at 12:24 AM