



Marion Potter Fike

December 3, 1914 - March 7, 2015

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Cemetery Details

Fresno Memorial Gardens

175 S. Cornelia Avenue
Fresno, CA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

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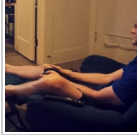
New Life Community Church
2165 Gettysburg Ave
Fresno, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Marion Potter Fike*

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“ Marion Fike

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100 years

All represented by that little Dash in the Middle

*And that Dash represents all the time
He spent alive here on earth
And now, those who knew and loved him
Know what that little Dash was worth.*

*For it mattered not, how much he owned,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What mattered most is how he lived and loved
And how he spent his Dash.*

*Marion was born in Sanger, California on December 3rd, 1914.
He was the youngest of 8 children: 7 Boys and 1 Girl.*

*His family moved to Fresno when he was 2 years old..... out near
where the “Cherry Ave. Auction” is today.*

*His father was killed due to an electrical accident when Marion was
just 4 years old.
So, Marion’s mom was faced with the challenge of raising 8 kids as
a single mother.*

*So the kids (all of them) went to work. They picked watermelons,
pulled weeds and, did any other odd jobs they could find to bring
some money home to mom to help feed the family.*

He moved to Marguerite’s neighborhood, near Tulare and

Minnewawa Aves.....when he was about 11.

Marion and Marguerite met as they played with the other children in that neighborhood.

They were known as "the gang". They all just did fun things like hanging out and going picnicking in the mountains. Sometimes, on Saturday nights they would grab a phonograph some where in the neighborhood and dance at each others homes.

Marion was a very handsome young man and had lots and lots of girl friends; but, Marguerite was very patient. They actually started "going together" in their 20's. Marion was working at a winery, cleaning the tanks; and Marguerite was working at Sears, in the office.

While they were still dating, Marion had their house built. I think he told me the total cost was a little under \$4,000.00; but, that was a considerable amount back then.

They got married when Marguerite was 29 and Marion was 26; and moved into their new home right after their week long honeymoon on the coast.

Marion got a "steady" job as a Custodian for the Fresno School District.

They started their family and the first of their two wonderful daughters, Peggi, was born on October 5, 1942.

And then came the War, World War II. Marion was drafted into the Army. On April 10, 1943, Marion reported for Basic Training. After Basic Training for 6 weeks, and a 3 day leave at home, Marion headed "overseas" to serve his country. He served in the European Theater as a Crain Operator where he unloaded and loaded supplies and equipment on and off of box cars. There were nightly loud bombings all around him. Every night during Air Raids he would need to take cover under the box cars for protection.

After a time, he was transferred to Germany. There he supervised Prisoners of War. He had them help unload food and other supplies for his fellow soldiers. German civilians were nearby. One of the most difficult conditions in Germany was the shortage of food. He saw hungry people (including children) everywhere. Even to his very last days with us here, he tried to give his food away when he noticed anyone without.

Marion received his Honorable Discharge on December 29, 1945; and headed back home to re-unite with his family; and resume his duties at the School District.

Later, on November 11, 1948, Marion and Marguerite were blessed with their second daughter, Kathy (my personal favorite). After that, Marion helped build a family room, and patio for their home (the same home he had helped build just before they were married).

Marion was able to take weekend fishing trips to the coast.....he loved to go deep sea fishing.

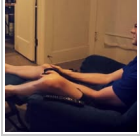
In the summer, he and his family would go to the coast for 2-4 weeks at a time. He would do repair work on a friends cabin so they would have an affordable place to stay.

Marion worked for the Fresno School District for 27 years and retired at age 63.

After retirement, it was back to work for Marion to earn extra money so they could travel.

He did things like trimming trees, painting houses

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