



Hosea Parham Jr

June 4, 1936 - December 14, 2013

Hosea Parham Jr. was a kind, hard working, considerate man. His journey began when he was born to Reverend Hosea Sr. and Georgia Mae Parham on June 4, 1936 in England, Arkansas. His parents, his daughter Deana Parham and his sister, Etta Temple, preceded him in death.

The family moved to Oakland, California in 1940 where Hosea attended public schools. He later graduated from Fremont High School where he actively played and developed his passion for football. Upon graduation, Hosea entered the Air Force and following four years of service received an honorable discharge highlighting his mastery of cryptography, the study and analysis of codes, coding methodology and secret writing. Upon return to the Golden State, Hosea made his home in Oakland where he began a career with the United States Postal Service. Hosea believed in getting up and getting to work on time every day and putting in an honest days work. Hosea's incredible work ethic served him well and he retired from the Postal Service after 38 years of service.

The Postal Service figured largely into Hosea's life in more ways than one. It was, in fact, where he met and fell in love with Dimple. Though they never worked directly together, as an Expeditor, Hosea was responsible for making sure mail got out time in all departments. Being the detailed-oriented person that he was, Hosea found a reason to go by the department where Dimple

worked every day. Dimple worked nights and Hosea worked days but Hosea made sure he got to Dimple's work area each morning before she left. Close friends and co-workers observed that they were always talking but no one could hear what they were talking about. Later they were seen together at work functions and other outings. It wasn't long afterwards that the truth was out of the bag. Dimple became the love of Hosea's life and they were married October 4, 1969. One rarely saw one without the other and this year they celebrated 34 years of marriage. Hosea believed in the work hard, play hard philosophy of life. He was a true-blue sportsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, camping, football, baseball, and card games with Dimple and family. Hosea and Dimple had a favorite pastime of growing beautiful gardens and fruit trees that they shared the fruits of their labor with others. Hosea was a talker who could engage you in a discussion on any subject. He believed in education and encouraged young people to get a solid education to secure their future.

Hosea was detailed oriented, orderly, and diligent in all things pertaining to taking care of business. In like manner, Hosea would want others to know he had a mind and spirit to diligently work toward making his calling and election sure in Christ. Although he accepted Jesus at an early age in life, he learned more about God's Word in his senior years and was baptized into the Church of Christ. Hosea worshipped with the Hilltop Church of Christ until his health prevented him from doing so, remaining faithful to God to the end.

Our dear Hosea departed this life on Saturday, December 14, 2013. He will be fondly remembered for his considerate spirit, soft-spoken and encouraging words and his lighthearted approach to life.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Hilltop Church of Christ
3301 Morningside Drive
El Sobrante, CA 94803

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