



**Miller, Lionel Gordon**

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Newark ~ Lionel Gordon Miller, 92, went to be with our Lord Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Lionel was born Sept. 16, 1929, to Joseph and Dora Miller in San Gabriel, Calif. He was united in marriage June 20, 1948, to Charlotte Lee (Sparkman) in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Lionel was a retired machinist/ business owner. He was a member of the Temecula Band of Luiseno Indians — Silver Feathers. Throughout his years, he served in the Army and was both Assistant and Fire Chief for the Newark Volunteer Fire Department. He served the City of Newark for many years. He coached youth baseball and was a Sunday school teacher and win or lose, he was a die hard Cowboys fan. Anyone that Lionel met, he always considered them family and always had the best hugs to share with everyone he knew. He loved big. Lionel's greatest joy was spending time with his family. He loved all his "babies." He always made everyone he came around feel special and you always

knew how much he loved you. He was Papa to everyone.

Lionel grew up in San Gabriel Calif., and he and his wife moved their family to Texas in 1956, where they settled with their family in Newark.

Lionel was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather and friend to many who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Dora Miller; his beloved wife of 45 years, Charlotte (Sparkman); son Johnny Miller; sister Sylvia Miller; and companion, Glenda Anderson.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his daughter, Linda (Dada) Galloway and husband, Lonnie; daughter-in-law, Barbara Miller; grandchildren, Michael Inman and wife, Staci, Sondra Inman, Tonya Newby and husband, John, Toni Cullins and husband, David, John Avirett, Brandon Avirett, James Miller and wife, Angela, and Chuck Abbott; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and bonus children, Aaron and Annie Anderson, Roy Dean and Felicia Anderson, Randy and Liz Anderson; and a host of family and friends.

Graveside services will be held Friday April 1, at Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery and Chapel in Fort Worth. Pallbearers will be Mike Inman, Ryan Inman, Tommy Inman, Haston Abbott, Chuck Abbott and John Avirett.