



Frank Delano Crawford Sr

September 30, 1936 - January 28, 2025

Franklin Delano Crawford Sr. 88 passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025, in Kerrville, TX. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Frank's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Frank Sr. was born on September 30, 1936, in Santa Monica, California to Thomas and Ruth (LaRange) Crawford. He was raised in Culver City, California. Soon after graduating from Culver City High School, he joined the United States Navy. He honorably served four years in reserves and four years active duty onboard the U.S.S Tarawa and the U.S.S Independence serving as a machinist mate from 1954-1962. He met and married the love of his life Dotia Ellen Sexton in 1958. Together they raised their three loving children, Kelley, Frank Jr., and Deborah. Frank was a devoted and affectionate husband and father. His family was his top priority, and he cared endlessly for each of them. He spent 18 years with Hughes Aircraft reaching Master Machinist before relocating to Roswell, New Mexico in 1972. While in Roswell, he owned/operated a Conoco Gas Station, worked as Field Superintendent for Stevens Oil Company, and lastly retiring as a machinist from Longhorn Fireworks Manufacturing. Franks favorite past time was drag racing, spanning over 6 decades of his life. He started racing in the 1950's in Southern California and carried on the sport in Roswell racing in his 1964 ½ Mustang. Frank instilled the love for the sport through four generations of Crawford's searching for the highly coveted win light. He also enjoyed fishing,

working in the yard and playing slot machines. Frank moved to Kerrville, TX in 2019 after the passing of his loving wife Dotia of 60 years. He spent the last years of his life alongside of his son Frank Jr, Misty, and Ginger, his loyal cat. He loved spending as much time as he could with those who called him Grandpa, his seven grandkids and eight great grandkids, whom he loved dearly.

He is reunited in Heaven with his parents, Thomas & Ruth; wife, Dotia; daughter, Debbie; and brothers, Bud and Kenneth Crawford.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are daughter, Kelley Crawford and Steve of Rio Rancho, NM; son, Frank Crawford Jr. and Misty of Kerrville, TX; sister, Mickey Crawford and Craig of Colorado Springs, Colorado; brother, Tony Crawford of Las Vegas, Nevada; grandchildren, Joey Yates and Jenny, Tyler Crawford, Josh Yates, Tanner Crawford and Tillie, Jason Gear, Andrew Crawford and Charlotte, and Ethan White-Crawford; eight great grandchildren; and numerous nieces & nephews.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks the Tierra Linda VFD, the staff of the Hilltop Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Peterson Hospice Care for their compassionate care and support during Frank's final days. Their kindness and professionalism brought comfort to both Frank and our family.

Graveside services will be held March 8th at 10:00 am in Roswell, New Mexico at the General Douglas L. McBride Veteran memorial located on the North end of South Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Frank's memory to <https://www.redcross.org/donate/help-military-families.html> .

Tribute Wall

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“ From your Mooney Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Delano Crawford Sr.



From your Mooney Family - March 07, 2025 at 12:22 PM

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“ We are so sorry to learn of your loss, please know we have your family in our thoughts and prayers.



Georgianna Hunt - February 11, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Delano Crawford Sr.



February 06, 2025 at 07:51 PM

KP

“ So sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories growing up with Frank and Jo and their family being around us. We had such good times! He was a wonderful, kind man and he will be missed. I pray your memories bring you peace and comfort during this time. Kim Payne-Perez

Kim Perez - February 06, 2025 at 06:53 PM

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“ He was a very smart and caring Father, always kept himself busy.
R.I.P. Frank, enjoy being with your Wife and youngest Daughter
again. Remember, Kelley is in good hands.

Steve A. Silva

Steve A. Silva - February 06, 2025 at 01:03 PM