Pete Alvarado Obituary

Pete Alvarado was born on December 4, 1928, in Bakersfield, went to God's embrace on January 10, 2026. Pete spent several years in the Army at the end of World War II and 20 years in the Air Force. When Pete retired from the Air Force, Pete and Mieko opened Casa de Flores (House of Flowers) in Visalia.

Pete was a long-time member of Visalia-Tulare Chapter of the Mexican American Golf Association ("MAGA"). Pete was not only a member and involved in the Visalia-Tulare Chapter but was very involved in the Central Council, State level and a member of the 1998 Hall of Fame of MAGA. Pete and Mieko donated and sponsored various junior tournaments and tournaments for the Visalia-Tulare Chapter for 20 years.

Pete, as a Visalia-Tulare Chapter member and Central Council Director, helped grow membership, promote junior golf and encouraged others to play golf. As a State Board member for many years Pete traveled to different Chapter, Council and State tournaments promoting and encouraging membership.

There are many stories that can be told of Pete, who was quite the character. Those that knew Pete continue the story telling. Sierra View Golf Course was the home course for the Visalia-Tulare Chapter, even though it closed several years ago, if you listen carefully, you will hear the ghosts of the golfers, one of those is Pete Alvarado (aka "The Dog"), stating out loud so everyone could hear "how about an emergency nine! One of his favorite sayings was "put your money on the Dog, but not too much." Pete was the original recipient of the Bobby Bear award, those that knew Pete knew what this meant. Great memories of a man who was larger than life to the members of our golf association and his family.

We give our condolences to his wife Mieko and to his daughters, Juanita, Victoria, Diane and family.

Services will be at Bakersfield National Cemetery. Date to be announced.