



Howard Whittaker

Howard Whittaker was born in Canada and came to the US in 1953. He was 11th of 12 kids, 10 boys and 2 girls. 9 of the boys served in the military. He was married to Mary Jane Whittaker for 51 years until her passing. They had 8 children, 7 girls and 1 boy.

While Howard was in the Marines, he was a helicopter and aircraft engine mechanic. He spent a year in Japan, then MCAS-El Toro and MCAS-Tustin.

After leaving the Marines, he owned an automotive center that he and Mary Jane worked together. He ran the business, and she took care of all the paperwork. He was a mechanic by trade and truly an entrepreneur. He then started a vineyard in Oregon and had several trellis patents. He started a trellis manufacturing business, owned several different businesses, owned property, City of Garden Grove Traffic and Planning Commissioner, and member of the Garden Grove Elks for over 60 years.

He truly was a wonderful family man and very patriotic. His family was everything. He liked to restore classic cars, play cribbage, make rock jewelry, and mostly spending time with family.

He proudly flew the American and Marine Corp flag.

