

JEROME LOU "Joe" BRAWLEY

Jerome Lou Brawley, age 84, of Rio Rancho, NM, formerly of Fresno, CA, passed away suddenly on February 21, 2016. Jerome was a retired master sergeant of the United States Air Force and the California Air National Guard, 144th Fighter Interception Wing, Fresno, CA, as a flight line mechanic. Jerome loved to visit his large family and his military family. Jerome attended Sanger schools, and was a 1951 graduate from Sanger High School where he was active in varsity football and track. He loved going hunting, bowling and football games. Jerome attended University of Boston Mass., Champaign Illinois University, and University of California. Jerome was a member of the Fresno 144th A.N.G. unit placing top winner in October of 1980, William Tell Team. Teams from the United States Air Force, National Guard, and Canada competed for Top Gun in Air-to-Air weapons meet sponsored by the U.S.A.F. Tactical Air Command. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Claudie Brawley; brothers, Garland and Ricky Brawley; and sisters, Lucille Leach, Leona Christian, and Wanda Brawley. He is survived by Lavonne, his wife of almost 40 years; step-daughter, Claudia May; and step-grandsons, Matthew and Benjamin May-Day, all of New Mexico. He is also survived by his daughter, Pamela Monroe and husband Tom; son, Peter Brawley and wife Cindy; brother, Marion "Butch" Brawley; sister, Donna Taylor, all of California; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great nieces and great-great nephews. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Jerome's Life will be held at a later date. Published in the Fresno Bee on Apr. 3, 2016