

Richard Karl Neuharth

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Richard Karl Neuharth, age 92, died on January 1, 2016 in Lodi, CA following a short illness. Richard was born on September 21, 1923 at the family home in Lodi to Karl and Rosina Neuharth.

He graduated from Lodi Union High School in June 1942. During high school, Richard was active in swimming and quite active in Future Farmers of America. Dad would speak of the memories he had of the many shows, exhibitions and conventions he attended as an FFA member.

Richard enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in December 1942. He spent time in the South Pacific war effort, ending in Japan in September 1945. For many years after the war, Richard helped organize and attended several reunions of his Company B Marine buddies. Upon discharge, Richard returned to farming in the Lodi area. In 1946, he met Edith Brown. They married in June 1947, setting up a home on Almond Drive. Five years later, the family had grown such that Richard and Edith found another home at the other end of Almond Drive and lived there until 1992 when they sold the farm and moved to Lodi.

Richard is survived by his wife of 68 years, Edith; three children, Dan Neuharth of Columbia, MO, Kurt Neuharth of Lodi, Jean Held (Dennis) of Hermann, MO, and daughter-in-law Kelli Neuharth of Vallejo, CA; two grandchildren, Susan Kramer (Dwane) of Lodi, and Karl Neuharth of Vallejo, CA, and 3 great grandchildren, Tayler, Kody, and Jakob Kramer of Lodi, and sister Dora Fleck of Lodi.

Richard is preceded in death by his grandson James Held, of Hermann, MO; his parents; brothers Reuben and Eugene (Ike), and sisters Vera Bittner, Emma Irey and Ella Warner. Richard was active in a number of community activities including Chamber of Commerce, Grape Festival American Legion, Woodbridge Fire District Board, Lodi Congregational Church. Migrant Ministry, and a number of years volunteering as a driver for the American Cancer Society. Dad became involved in the agriculture retail business during the late 1950's, first working for Bruce and Ralph Burlington at San Joaquin Sulphur Company, and later for Bob Newell at Brea Agricultural Service before retiring.

He also grew walnuts and grapes.

Richard and Edith enjoyed entertaining friends and relatives. Celebrations and family gatherings took an upswing after they built a pool in 1968. Spring and Summer were filled with swim parties and bar-b-ques as well as an annual family reunion.

A memorial service will be held January 9, 10:00a.m., at Radiant Life church, 75 N. Crescent Ave., with a reception to follow at the church. The family thanks the staff at Brookdale Lodi and the staff of Hospice of SJ County for the care and compassion shown to Richard and Edith. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [charity of your choice](#) .ments.