



**Otho Elsworth Jordan**

**September 11, 1935 – September 24, 2023**

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Otho E. Jordan, a beloved Husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died in the hospital on September 24, 2023, surrounded by family. He was 88 years old.

Otho was born in South Keokuk, (Stroud) Oklahoma, on September 11, 1935, to Virgil and Augusta Jordan. He began his school years in Stroud at the Sac and Fox Indian Agency school. His family eventually moved to Tulare County, California, where he attended Tulare, then Woodlake High School, where he graduated from in 1952.

Upon graduation, Otho enlisted in the army, where he would serve for 20 years active duty, with duty stations in Texas, France, Louisiana, back to Texas. Included were two tours in Korea (Korean expedition) and two tours in Vietnam. During his time in the military, Otho would meet the loves of his life, Esperanza, his wife, and her three young children which he would raise as his own. Otho and Esperanza would marry in June 1958, then soon after, the new family would move to France with the military and add one more child to their brood. Continuing his military service, Otho and family would soon be transferred to Louisiana, where they added two more children bringing the final total to six. His final duty station was Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he retired in July 1973. Otho went on to have careers with the San Antonio College District, and Harcourt Brace.

Otho was a devout Christian who loved reading, world events, and remained active in his church as long as his health allowed. Otho was ever proud of all of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. In his later years, Otho was consumed with caring for his wife who preceded him in death by three years. Otho was also preceded in death by three of his male children, Carlos, James, and Robert, as well as a daughter in law, Patricia. Otho is survived by three children, Silvia, Maggie

(Baxter), and Eddie. He is also survived by son in law, Gary Baxter, and daughters in laws Sandra, Sue, and Dawn. He has 13 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. Otho will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A funeral service will be held for Otho on October 9, 2023, at Cross Roads Church in Windcrest, 8102 Midcrown Dr 78239. The viewing will commence at 10:00 AM, service from 11:30-12:30. Interment will be at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. Shelter #4 at 1:30PM

