



## Merril Forsyth

August 27, 1933 - April 27, 2023

Merril A. Forsyth, 89, passed away on April 27, 2023, in Tucson, Arizona. Merrill was born in Kansas Settlement on August 27, 1933. He attended school in Willcox and graduated from Willcox High School. As a child he would sneak out by the dry lake to watch the planes' bomb and shoot up targets. Over the years he grew to love airplanes. He served in the army where he said he was paid extra to jump out of perfectly good airplanes. After the army he attended a trade school in California to get his license to work on airplanes. He had worked on crop dusters all over southern Arizona and became a highly sought after mechanic. He later started his own shop in Casa Grande he named The Plane Man, where he worked on and rebuilt small airplanes. He continued this work well into his eighties. During his many years in Casa Grande Merrill took up writing, specifically letters to the editor of the Casa Grande Dispatch Newspaper. He established a large enough fan base that he was elected to the Casa Grande City Council winning by one vote. Merrill is preceded in death by his parents Byron and Letha Forsyth, his brothers Joe, Byron Jr., Bob, and a sister Juanita. He is survived by a brother Noel, sons Mike and Glen, daughters Kathy and Debby, six granddaughters, fifteen great-grandkids, and two great-great-grandkids. He was loved and will be missed.

Graveside services will be 10:00 am on Friday, May 12, 2023, at Sunset Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ We lost another Forsyth legend of Willcox History. Our thoughts and prayers are with Noel and the entire Forsyth Families.



LaDonna Burgess - May 07, 2023 at 08:43 AM

MI

“ 1 file added to the album Merrill Forsyth



Mike - May 04, 2023 at 10:15 PM

LC

Sorry for your loss. He was an extraordinary person. I have many memories of Grandpa as far as I can remember. Prayers and love to your family.

Liberti Corraliza - May 06, 2023 at 03:21 PM

KB

Uncle Merrill and I have the same birthday - August 27! When I was about 6, before we moved to Iowa, I remember he had a beautiful pink & grey car - I think it was an Oldsmobile. He visited us in San Simon.

Karen Ball - May 10, 2023 at 07:47 PM