

*Lamech McCurry Howard*  
*June 1, 1932-August 9, 2013*

*Memorial Service:*

*Monday, August 26, 2013 12:30 PM*  
*San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery*  
*32053 West McCabe Road*  
*Santa Nella, California, 95322*

## OBITUARY

*Lamech McCurry Howard was born June 1, 1932 to the union of the late Adam and Dutchie Howard in the community of Cedar Grove in the township of Autaugaville, Alabama. He was the youngest of three children born to this union.*

*He was educated in the public school system and graduated from Autauga County Training School. Later in life he attended Chapman College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1982.*

*Lamech had a career in the United States Air Force in civil engineering that lasted 24 years.*

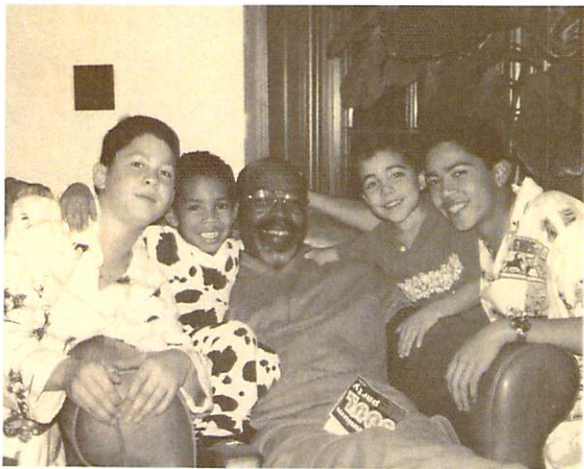
*He served his country with tours of duty that included Korea and Vietnam. While stationed with the 656th Radar Squadron in Saratoga Springs, NY he also served as a police officer for the city of Saratoga Springs.*

*During his assignment at Johnson Air Force Base, Saitama, Japan, he met and married Sachiko Watanabe in January of 1954. To this union four children were born, Juanita Lina, Sarisa Lorraine, Kiyo Vaughn and Lamech Masaji.*

*Upon retiring from the Air Force in 1976, Lamech embarked on a second career with the County of Merced as a building inspector. He retired from the County in 1993.*

*Lamech was an avid gardener and his backyard was filled with all his favorite fruits and vegetables. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, fishing, playing his harmonica and watching sports. He enjoyed attending church and was an active member of the Unity Church of Merced.*

*To mourn his passing and cherish his memory, he leaves his loving and devoted wife of 59 years, Sachiko Howard; daughter Juanita Lina Howard; daughter Sarisa Lorraine Howard Ashburne (husband Michael); daughter Kiyo Vaughn Howard; son Lamech Masaji Howard (wife Susan); seven grandchildren, Charel Akimi Middleton, Nicole Mieke Middleton, Hunter Trevelyan Wyndham, Colton Spencer Trevelyan Wyndham, Justin Lamech Howard, Joseph Malik Beachum, Hailey Nicole Howard, and many other relatives and friends.*



## *Order of Service*

*Greeting & Opening Prayer*

*Military Honors:*

*Rifle Salute*

*Playing of Taps*

*Folding & Presentation of American Flag*

*Message & Reading of Obituary*

*Closing Prayer & Dismissal*

*Memorial Service Officiant:*

*Jill Loving*

*Licensed Unity Teacher*

*Unity Church of Merced*

*Do Not Stand at my Grave and Weep*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,*

*I am not there; I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow,*

*I am the diamond glints on snow,*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain,*

*I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush*

*I am the swift uplifting rush*

*Of quiet birds in circled flight.*

*I am the soft stars that shine at night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and cry,*

*I am not there; I did not die.*

*Lunch Reception to Follow Service at*

*Pea Soup Andersen's Restaurant*

*12411 State Highway 33*

*Santa Nella, CA 95322*

## *Acknowledgement*

*Lamech's family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.*