

ASHWORTH, Robert "Bob"

June 5, 1929
Santa Ana, California
November 23, 2008
Fresno, California

Viborg Enterprise
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Robert Ashworth

Robert "Bob" Ashworth passed away at the U.S. Veterans Hospital in Fresno, California, on November 23, 2008, following an illness of several months. The funeral service was held on November 28 at the Yost & Webb Funeral Home Chapel in Fresno and a graveside service with full military honors was held at Belmont Memorial Park in Fresno.

Robert LeRoy Ashworth was born on June 5, 1929, in Santa

Ana, California, as the middle of the three sons of Clarence and Idaleen (Glood) Ashworth. Though he grew up and remained in California for most of his life, many of his childhood summers were spent in his adopted second home of Viborg, South Dakota, where he would enjoy being with his grandparents and other family and friends – and his retirement summers in later years when he would be accompanied by his brother Charles.

Bob served four years in the United States Air Force during the early-to-mid 1950's where he was stationed primarily in Germany. A long and distinguished career in law enforcement began in 1956 in Huntington Beach, California, for several years and continued for twenty-two more years with the Los Angeles Police Department where he attained the rank of Captain.

He is survived by his wife Elaine of Fresno, daughter April (Tom) Eady of Northville, Michigan, two sons - Robert Lee (Lonna) Ashworth of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and Anthony "Tony" (Erika) Ashworth of Madison, Wisconsin, a brother Donald (Karen) Ashworth of Canyon, Texas, 9 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son - Robert LeRoy, Jr., his parents, and brother Charles.