

# EARLE HOLLIS MARLETT

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**1922 - 2008**

CRAFTON:Earle Hollis Marlett "Mr. Hollis" was born November 1, 1922, in Crafton, Texas, to Frank and Minnie Marlett, and raised during the Great Depression with a life of hard work and honest values.

In 1941 he moved to Kern County and worked in the cattle industry, both in dairy and beef production. He then returned to Texas to work on the family farm before proudly enlisting in the United States Army on October 23, 1943 in Dallas, to fight for his country in WWII. He served in the European Theater, primarily in Germany, Austria, France, and Belgium. He ended his military duty at Ford Kit Carson, Colorado.

On September 1, 1946, he began a 42 year career working for Baldwin Farms south of Bakersfield. He retired as ranch foreman on November 30, 1988, where he had affectionately become known as "Mr. Hollis".

In 1948, he married Ramona Hall, a native of Oklahoma living on the Baldwin Farm where her father worked. While living there they had their only child, Barry Hollis Marlett, in 1950.

Unfortunately, Hollis and Ramona divorced in 1960, leaving Hollis to raise Barry alone. Hollis later met and married Willa Giles in 1963. They remained married until her passing in 1998.

Hollis was loved and survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Deborah Marlett; grandchildren, Kelly, Mark and Kerry Marlett, all of Bakersfield; sister and brother-in-law, Sybil and W.B. Arrington of Bridgeport, Texas; and his dear friend, Maria Rosales and family of Bakersfield.

Memorial services were held Friday, August 15th, 6:00 p.m., at Kern River Family Mortuary, 1900 N. Chester Ave.

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