



David Bruce Schaeffer

August 18, 1946 - May 19, 2022

David Bruce Schaeffer, age 75, Olympia, Washington, passed away and went to be with the lord on May 19, 2022 in Bakersfield, California, after a brief battle with lung and brain cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hap Schaeffer and Norma Briggs.

David is survived by his wife of nearly 29 years, Kristy Schaeffer, his children, Joel Schaeffer and wife, Lynn and Alicia Villarreal and Husband, Pablo and his step-children, Heather Chick

and husband, Andrew and Corey Chasten and wife, Jamie, as well as his brother, Gary Schaeffer, (13) grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter as well as many friends and his beloved dogs, Susie Q and Mia.

David was born in Olympia, WA on August 18th, 1946. David was a Vietnam War veteran, entering the Army in 1967 and served valiantly for 2 years. After his military service, David worked for Burlington Credit Union in Tacoma, WA., repossessing property and performing real estate appraisals.

In 1987, he became a truck driver, hauling paper products for Metro Trucking out of Kent, WA. driving round-trip long-haul from Tacoma, WA to Los Angeles, CA, often having deliveries in the surrounding areas. It was on one of those layovers, that he went into the Executive Lounge, to have a cold beer and listen to their band, that he met his future wife, Kristy. After nearly 2 years of dating, David moved to Bakersfield, Ca. and began driving for LoneStar Trucking out of Shafter Ca, where he drove locally in the Bakersfield, CA area, hauling flammable products such as propane and butane. David and Kristy

were married on July 2, 1993. David retired from trucking in 2013.

David was a devoted father to his children and grandchildren. He loved using his tools, especially for woodworking, home improvement, classic cars, and discussing politics. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and family to their cabin in the Sequoia National Forest, often looking through the bookshelves in the cabin for a good book to read. David and Kristy also took many cruises to different places. They also enjoyed their Christmas trip to Belize. He loved to travel when he had the time.

David also went on 2 missionary trips with his church to Vietnam and Thailand, and helped the women and children of those countries.

"David Schaeffer was saved and gave his life to Christ in the year of 2011.

Because of his faith in Christ he was able to travel to Thailand and Vietnam in 2013 with a group of missionaries he learned how to give and receive Grace. Through God's grace he was able to put behind any shame animosity and guilt that he carry through the years after he served in the Vietnam war."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Military Honors

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery
30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203
(661) 867-2250