



## Robert Gerald Van Ostrand

June 15, 1949 - September 23, 2016

Robert Gerald Van Ostrand was born in York, Nebraska, to Gerald and Jamie (Schoch) Van Ostrand on June 15, 1949. He went home to heaven from Bakersfield, California, on September 23, 2016. Bob attended elementary schools in Nebraska and Missouri and moved to Mojave, California, with his family in 1963, where he graduated from Mojave High School in 1967. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968. After graduating boot camp at Fort Ord, California, he was assigned to the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps in Virginia as a bugler. The Corps performed at significant events, which even included a gig on the Ed Sullivan Show. Bob married Kathryn Gibson in Las Vegas, Nevada, on August 3, 1974. He worked as a roofer (laborer and supervisor) and retired in 2014. He also dabbled in modeling, made several commercials and was an extra in 'Thelma and Louise'. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his older brother, Ronald. He is survived by a younger sister, Sandra (Terry) Palmer, a younger brother, Ross (Karen) Van Ostrand, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. Bob was a loving and faithful husband, a great brother, and a helpful neighbor. He and Kathy enjoyed camping and motorcycle riding with family and friends. Bob had a love for old cars and Harleys, and was a leatherworker and a knife maker. He was often referred to as 'Santa Claus' due to his long white hair and beard. He was a friend to all, loved by many and will be greatly missed. Memorial services will be held on Friday, October 7, 2016, at 10 a.m., at the Mission Family Mortuary, 531 California Avenue, Bakersfield, followed by a reception

(RSVP to Kristal at bob.vo@yahoo.com ). His body will be laid to rest at the Bakersfield National Cemetery near Arvin.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Military Honors

OCT 7. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery  
30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd  
Arvin, CA 93203

# Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry! I just looked up Kathy Vanostrand and was able to read about her and Bob. I didn't know either one of them had passed it my heart is just breaking. I met them when they were Lancaster love you both very much. May you both rest in paradise.*

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**Kit Perkins** - June 27, 2022 at 11:56 PM