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Nov 28, 1946 - Sept 5, 2015

The Lord has called His son home for his eternal reward. Clifford "Beck" Beckley departed this world on Saturday, September 5th, in Atwater, CA, in the comfort of his home and the company of his family.

Cliff was born in Gary, IN, to Calvin and Georgia Beckley, and there he was raised amongst the corn until his family moved west to California when he was ten years old, to raise him amongst the orange groves and the lights of Hollywood. Cliff graduated from Canoga Park High in winter of 1965, then followed his heart and enlisted in the **United States Marine Corps**, where he served as a Corporal in the 1st Battalion 9th Marine Regiment, the Walking Dead, of the 3rd Marine

Division in the Republic of Vietnam from 1967 to 1969, and as a **United States Navy** Midshipman 4th Class at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1967.

Cliff began his service as a California Highway Patrolman in 1972 in Orange County, working tirelessly to also complete his B.S. degree in Administration of Justice from CSU Long Beach in 1976. Cliff was promoted to Sergeant in 1986, and after faithfully serving his community for thirty years as a Highway Dog, retired in 2002 from the Merced County office.

Cliff was married to Deanna in 1972 and enjoyed nearly 43 years of marriage. During these years, they welcomed three children and three grandchildren who brought ever-lasting delight to their hearts. A doting father and husband, there was nothing Cliff would not do for his family. He was and will remain their rock.

Cliff was passionate about military history, which was evidenced in his life through his love of firearms, riding and owning horses, and Civil War reenacting. Fiercely proud of being a United States Marine, Cliff loved his country patriot. An avid reader, he enjoyed books on US and European history, the Civil War, WWI and WWII., deeply respected the sacrifices of his fellow servicemen, and was a true and fiction books that told of adventure on the high seas or of military exploits, and was even known to quote Jane Austen a time or two. But above all, Cliff loved his family more than anything in this world and cherished every moment he could spend with his loved ones.

Cliff will be remembered by the cowboy hat on his head, the boots on his feet, the twinkle in his eyes, the laughter on his lips, the stories on his tongue, and the profound love in his heart.

Cliff is preceded in death by his father Calvin. He is survived by his wife Deanna; son Ted and his son Kaden; son Sean, his wife Megan, and their children Tylie and Tristan; his daughter Nikki; his mother Georgia; his sister Paula and her son Cody; and his horse Dragon.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00pm on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 at the American Legion Veterans Memorial Building, 939 W. Main St., Merced, CA 95340.

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