



David Norman Rasmussen

October 11, 1947 - January 26, 2017

David Norman Rasmussen passed away at home on January 26, 2017 after a long battle with cancer and heart disease. Born on October 11, 1947 in Custer, SD to Crofford and Blanche Rasmussen, he was the third of six children. Shortly after his birth his family relocated to the Pacific Northwest. He joined the United States army at the young age of seventeen, serving as a paratrooper and ranger in numerous countries from 1966 – 1968 and as a member of the army reserve from 1969 – 1972. Upon his honorable discharge, David moved to Happy Camp, CA to work in the logging industry with his father where he met Connie Marie Zink. They wed in 1968 and had three sons. David had a long, successful career in the United States Forest Service serving nine different national forests throughout California and Oregon in resources, fuels, wild land fire suppression, and law enforcement.

David was a loving, devoted father, husband, and grandfather. Throughout his life he continuously served his family and local communities as a youth baseball coach, hunter safety instructor, school board member, reserve deputy sheriff, fireman, and EMT. He gained three beautiful daughters when his sons wed and had eight grandchildren that he loved spending time with. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers James and Gregory, and sister Phyllis. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Connie; his sons David Bradley (Karyn) of Lakeport, Jason Hans (Veronica) of Happy Camp, and Ryan Paul (Denege) of Redwood City; his grandchildren Craig, Stephanie,

Savannah, Meranda, Jordan, Chaance, Joshua, and Joseph; and his sisters Josie Asche and Paula Diggle.

Services will be held Friday February 3, 2017 at the Happy Camp Grange Hall at 11 am followed by a military honors graveside service at Happy Camp Cemetery at 12 pm. A reception will follow at the Happy Camp Grange Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Happy Camp Volunteer Ambulance (P.O. Box 596, Happy Camp, CA) or Happy Camp Volunteer Fire Department (P.O. Box 189, Happy Camp, CA).

Cemetery Details

Happy Camp Cemetery

Happy Camp, CA 96039

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Happy Camp Grange Hall
64501 2nd Ave.
Happy Camp, CA 96039

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Rhino lit a candle in memory of David Norman Rasmussen*



Rhino - March 13, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of David Norman Rasmussen.*



February 03, 2017 at 11:37 AM

PD

“ *My Brother David, I love you and will miss you terribly*



paula diggle - January 31, 2017 at 04:04 PM

BF

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences.*

Earl & Alverna

Bresette Family - January 31, 2017 at 12:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Norman Rasmussen.*



January 30, 2017 at 08:14 PM



“ *Uncle Dave was a kind man. I enjoyed his subtle sense of humor and calm nature. He always took the time to ask how I was doing or what was happening in my life. I know he has dealt with a lot of debilitating physical challenges over the past few years. I am happy that he is free from any pain. Aunt Connie, Jason, Brad, Ryan, and Family - The world is a better place for having had your dad in it. God bless all of you.*

Matt Diggle and Family

Matt Diggle - January 30, 2017 at 06:59 PM



So sorry to hear this. Many condolences to Connie and family. Many of us who worked for the FS in Happy Camp have great memories of Dave.

Louise Wagenknecht - February 09, 2017 at 03:43 PM