



## James Edwards Mills

March 14, 1949 - January 21, 2013

James Edwards Mills passed from this world on January 21, 2013 in Phoenix, Oregon at the age of 63. He was born in Yreka, California on March 14, 1949 to Linn and Thelma Mills of Etna, California. Although his family moved from Etna when he was eight, he never lost the love he had for his Scott Valley home, and always wished to return there to live.

Jim proudly served during the Vietnam conflict as a U.S. Army Special Forces “Green Beret” medic and was honorably discharged. During his lifetime he had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. After years of education in all his varied areas of interest, he chose to earn a Bachelor of Science degree and became an RN after the age of 40.

Jim also had a deep love of nature. He hiked the Pacific Crest trail from Canada to California and enjoyed many hiking adventures with his dear friends.

During this past year, Jim has shown himself to be a true warrior as he battled the ravages of diabetes and end stage renal disease. His family would like to express their gratitude to all the exceptional people who cared for him and helped in his recovery. We also send our heartfelt thanks to his dialysis family who support each other as only they can, and the workers and doctors who care for them as they battle this most difficult illness.

Jim is survived by his parents, Linn and Thelma Mills; his sister and her family, Carolyn and Curt Doane, Samantha and Casey Jarman, Kelley and Ping Wu; his youngest sister Rena Davis and her family, Joseph Davis, Amber, Tyston,

Tyston Jr. And Kenna Stewart; his many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins, the Richardsons, Mills & Scotts; his Goddaughter Toshi, who was a true light in his life and the dear friends in Medford, Scott Valley, Portland, San Francisco and Canada who he considered family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 2:00 PM at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka, California.