



## Paul Nicholas Falkenhagen II

June 6, 1947 - December 30, 2016

Paul Nicholas Falkenhagen II, age 69, was born on June 6th, 1947 in Los Angeles to Hazel Cooley and Paul Falkenhagen, and passed away peacefully Friday, December 30th, 2016.

His father Paul, mother Hazel, and brother Garth all pre-seceded him in death.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 32 years, Patricia; four children: John Nicholas Falkenhagen, Lisa Kimberly Falkenhagen Bivings, Julie Marie Bright; his step-mother Sue Falkenhagen; half-brother Scott Falkenhagen; half-sister Kim Doorly;. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Paul was a Marine Corp Veteran of the Vietnam War, during which time he earned several medals. He served from September 29, 1967 – November 30, 1968, when he was wounded in battle, which led to him receiving the Purple Heart.

In 1975, he began his career working for the United States Forest Service. For thirty years, he passionately fought wildland fires. He started his career at Ft. Jones. Paul began as a smoke jumper and rose to Captain of his own crew.

Upon retirement Paul became avidly involved with the Yreka Rescue Ranch

where he served on the board.

A memorial will be held Sunday, January 8th at 2 pm at Montague Community Hall. The family asks that in lieu of flowers please make donations in Paul's name to Yreka Rescue Ranch. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family, and online condolences may be made at [www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com](http://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (PT)

Montague Community Hall  
200 S 11th Street  
Montague, CA 96064

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Nick. My family ( McGroarty) knew the Falkenhagens, they used to live behind us in Hidden Hills on Penland. My brothers were good friends of Nick and Garth. I dated Nick the Summer of 1972 or 1973. We had a lot of fun at the Torpin Ranch, playing volley ball , going to the beach, movies, hiking. He was so close to moving up to Mammoth Lakes with me. He was a true outdoorsman, adventurous and very much a gentleman. I remember his german shephard he loved so much. .I never forgot about him. . My sympathies to his family. May he rest in eternal peace !  
Martha McGroarty Kilcoyne



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**Martha Kilcoyne** - January 07, 2017 at 10:57 PM

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“ It was a lifetime ago. Nick was in high school with my brother. He went off to war and when he returned, Nick came and worked for my Dad at The Ranch. We were the best and by that I mean we ALL were the best. Nick and his brother Garth, my brother and sister, my cousins and the smattering of school and neighborhood friends. Whether it was Nick and I, or any and all the combination of kids, we had it all. Jeeps and 4 wheeling, hiking, swimming, road trips, water fights, shooting guns, volleyball, set watching and talking. There was nothing that could keep up from laughing and looking for some adventure to get into. I have very fond memories of Nick. I've missed him since the last time I saw his face and I will forever have a smile on my lips because he was my friend. Nick was a good person, a loyal friend and truly a man of honor. God Speed Nick

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**MARINA TORPIN** - January 07, 2017 at 04:42 PM

CI

“ I worked with Nick in the late 80s/early 90s at Waldport Ranger District and we shared a small office. I thoroughly enjoyed Nick, his work ethic, sense of humor and stories. I'm so sorry and send condolences to his family. CiCi Chitwood

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**CiCi** - January 07, 2017 at 01:45 PM

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“ Marina Torpin lit a candle in memory of Paul Nicholas Falkenhagen II



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**Marina Torpin** - January 06, 2017 at 10:27 PM

MB

“ Thank you sir for your service in the US Marine Corp . But most of my freedom my brothers are Vietnam Vets. God Bless your family and friends. Oh also the furbabies and your kind heart.

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**Mae Nell Buttram** - January 05, 2017 at 09:40 AM

RT

“ I knew Nick for a very long time and I have fond memories of him at the Ranch, and also hiking, shooting, and playing baseball. Garth was also a good friend.

*Ralph Torpin*

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**Ralph Torpin** - January 05, 2017 at 08:42 AM