



Steven Payne Witter

September 3, 1947 - April 1, 2016

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Wenatchee, WA

Steve passed away suddenly on Friday, April 1, 2016. He was born on September 3, 1947 to Espey Witter and Jeanette (Mittelstaedt). He attended Wenatchee schools, graduating from Wenatchee High with the Class of "66." As a young boy, his biggest joy was spending all the time he could at his grandparents (Mittelstaedt) ranch in Douglas, WA. He had to have clothes and boots like his uncles and learned to drive early on, helping with the wheat. His fondest memories were getting on his horse, Shayln, and riding to the Douglas store, and of course, enjoying Grandma's cookies and pinching a piece off the fresh bread as it was rising. His aunts were always entertained by Steve. He enlisted in the Army in 1967-1970. He was stationed in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division, Chemical Company in 1968-1969. Steve was sent to Germany later. Unfortunately, at the time he was serving his country in Korea, he was in direct contact with the herbicide, Agent Orange. Later in life it turned out to lead to his disability, early retirement, and passing. Over the years, he was able to help many other veterans that were stationed in Korea, with their disability claims associated with the chemical, and was interviewed here

by a Korean News Station out of Los Angeles, CA six years ago. He loved the outdoors, enjoying many years of skiing Mission Ridge, windsurfing and sailing

Lake Wenatchee and Lake Chelan. He was a participant in Ridge to River for many years. He retired from Cedargreen/Simplot Foods after 31 years in April 2000. He had many hobbies from building birdhouses, bird feeders, and gazebos

to collecting many toys. He enjoyed working on his old cars and pickup and going to car shows. But, his greatest unconditional love of all was for his four legged best buddies over the years.

He was preceded in death by his father Espey Witter, and wife, Connie (Simon).

He is survived by his mother, Jeanette Witter; wife, Kathy; sister, Cathy Morrison (Brent); brother, Tim Witter (Wendy); step-children Eric Musgrove and

Chrissy Zumwalt; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two nieces; two

nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Special canines Tigger and Tina

also survive.

Contributions may be made to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society or to the

charity of your choice. Visitation of Steve will be held at the Telford's

Chapel in East Wenatchee, WA from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7,

2016. A Graveside service with Military Honors will be held at Wenatchee City Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Steven Payne Witter. Like you I also served in the 2nd Inf Div, 2nd Military Police Company in Korea during the same time period. My sincere condolences to the family even though this message is several years late.*

Charles Lee Cecil - August 13, 2018 at 10:08 PM

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“ *I too served in Korea, from Feb. 68 thru March '69. I did not know Steven, at least I don't remember his name, but we who served there are all "Brothers In Arms". If you wish to know anything about our service in Korea in 1968-69, just let me know. I was a Infantry soldier, and spent 5 1/2 months on and inside the DMZ, as well as serving with an Artillery unit for 5 months before returning to the Infantry.*
My God comfort you at this time of your loss. Sgt. Den

Dennis P. Urban - August 12, 2018 at 11:36 PM

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“ *To the witter family you will never know how much I miss not having not got to meet Steve because he and my husband both served in Korea both at different times but both lived the what they saw and did when they were there. My heart goes out to you and if you need anything please feel free to email me.*

Barbara Ann Wright - April 09, 2016 at 09:33 AM