

# *Ronald Edward Sharp (1951 - 2017)*

## Obituary

Ronald Edward Sharp

November 4, 1951 - April 6, 2017

Ronald Edward Sharp was born November 4, 1951, to Thomas Edward and Betty Sharp in Lancaster, California. In the following years, the family grew with the addition of Vici and Robin. Ron graduated from Kennedy High School in 1970, and served in the US Army in the post-Vietnam era. Once stateside again, Ron met and married Rilla Rae. Rilla had been previously married, and Ron gained several family relations through the marriage. He especially loved Rilla's daughters, Patty and Carly, and his grandchildren, Heather, Raymond and Summer. Ron made his living working primarily as a welder and roofer. In 1999, Ron's father died, and after almost three decades of marriage, Rilla Rae died in 2011. About that time, Ron's mother, Betty (who had remarried to Erik Eriksen, who died in 1990), needed someone close by to help out when necessary. Ron relocated from Tennessee and moved just a couple of blocks away from Betty's home. Ron took care of everything for almost five years. His companion of almost 20 years, Muffin the turtle, often traveled with him on his family visits. On Thursday, April 6, Ron was running errands near Lenwood, driving the Jeep he had recently purchased from Betty, when he suffered a heart attack and died. His family misses him greatly, and those who knew him, and there were many, all speak of how kind and generous he was. Ron's celebration of life will be held on Thursday, April 20, at one o'clock at Mead's Mortuary, 36930 Irwin Road, Barstow, California, followed by a gathering at the recreation center at Holiday Homes Mobile Park, 701 Montara Road, at two o'clock. Ron will be buried at the Arlington National Cemetery in Riverside the following week with just the immediate family attending. His headstone will read: Loved by All.