

LEW BECK



LEW BECK Longtime local businessman, Lew Beck, succumbed to lung cancer. He went to sleep watching his favorite old movies with his son at his own home in Spring Valley Lake. He is now absent from his body and present with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in Heaven. Lewis C. Beck was born October 29, 1937 in Decatur, Illinois. He was the first born child of Helen and Robert Beck. The family moved to San Bernardino in 1946 and settled in Barstow in 1950. The family now included sister, Dianne, Roberta and Robin and brothers, Mark and David. Lew graduated from Barstow High School in 1955, where he lettered in football and tennis and was California Interstate Champion. Lew started working early in his life delivering newspapers and had a strong work ethic and a generous spirit. He was especially generous to his family. He attended Barber College and began working as a barber in his mid 20s. He became a Barstow police officer and served the community for a number of years. Later, his daughter Lisa, also served on the Barstow police force. After an accident, he opened his own barber shop on Main Street called the "Gay nineties." He owned and operated this business when an opportunity to become a State Farm agent became available. He opened his State Farm office in 1967 at 515 East Main Street and was a State Farm agent for 44 years. Lew and Anna were married in 1965 and built their State Farm business together. They had two sons, Baron Reese born 12/19/1965 and Jason Lamar born 10/16/68. Lew also had a daughter, Lisa Berg, from a previous marriage. He enjoyed golf, fishing and travel and the pleasure of his three children, 7 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Lew also coached Little League Baseball from Pee Wee to 15 years old, with much success. Lew is preceded in death by his father, Robert Beck of Chico and his son Baron. Lew is survived by his wife Anna, son Jason, daughter Lisa and brothers, David of Chico and Mark of Glendora and sisters, Dianne Beers of Sacramento, Roberta Harms of Iowa, and Robin Moritz of Greenville. Family and faith were very important and has always been central to his life. Thanksgiving 2011 was celebrated with 62 family members traveling from Michigan, Iowa, Nevada and many areas in California to honor Lewie. Mark and Debra Beck hosted the dinner at their home in Glendora. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Desert View Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 11500 Amargosa Road, Victorville. Viewing will be held Monday, February 6; from 5 to 7pm. Memorial contributions can be made in, lieu of flowers, to Wounded Warriors or the MS Society.