

## **Butch Hancock**

Norman Edward Hancock Jr., best known as Butch, passed on to heaven Sept. 27, 2006. He was born April 2, 1933 in Montclair, New Jersey. Butch died quietly at home in Newberry Springs after a long fight against cancer. Butch graduated from Fallbrook High in 1951, Palomar Jr. College in 1953, and then went into the Army for two years. He was a retired land surveyor, then a mail carrier, and most recently a teacher's assistant at Barstow High School, where he loved his job with the Special Education teens. He was very involved with the Little League and girls softball in Vista, the San Diego County Archaeology Society, volunteer work on the Newberry community ball fields, the fire department and various community activities. He was a member of the American Legion, and the NRA. Butch was a Civil War buff and loved his extended family and friends, being in the desert, traveling and history. Butch is survived by his wife, Ginger of Newberry Springs; sister, Judi of Fallbrook; daughters and sons-in-law, Kristi and Mark Anderson of Hendersonville, Tenn., Dana and Dennis Holladay of Dana Point, and Pam and Jack McCormick in San Juan Capistrano; mother-in-law, Florence McPeck of Barstow; and his four grandchildren, Kelly, Patrick, Matthew and Jenny. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In his memory, in lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the City of Hope, to the American Association for Cancer Research, another charity of your choice, or a hearty toast of love and good cheer to remember him dearly.

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