

Dorn Andre Crowe

Obituary



Dorn Andre Crowe was born on Oct. 27, 1951. He died on Sept. 30, 2015.

Dorn Crowe was a brother, an uncle, a friend, a builder and a helping hand to the many friends and neighbors he had in the Timberlake, Candy Kitchen and Ramah areas of New Mexico where he lived for over 30 years. He died peacefully in his home near Timberlake following his battle with throat cancer caused by his exposure to Agent Orange during his tour in Vietnam in the early 1970s. He was 63 years old.

Dorn was born in Arcadia, California as Dorn Andre Little where he, his brother and mother lived until Dorn was 10 years old. At that time his mother remarried and Dorn was adopted by his new father, Tommy Crowe. The family then moved to Barstow, California where Dorn became a member of Future Farmers of America with his own small ranch with cows and horses. He was now a simple “country boy” for life!

When Dorn graduated from high school in 1969, he joined the US Navy and was sent to Vietnam. He spent more than a year of his Navy time on the Mekong River near Cambodia where he was wounded and received a purple heart. When he left the Navy he bought a new 1973 Ford F250 pickup that he drove for over 40 years. He loved his yellow truck!

After the Navy, Dorn tried a number of different types of work, trying to deal with what we now know as PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). Finally, he settled in Phoenix, Arizona where he had a number of Crowe family relatives and bought a roofing company that started him on his path of home construction. He also met his bride to be, Anna Cain. They were married for two years, but remained best friends to the end. It was with Anna that he bought his first property near Ramah, New Mexico, in Candy Kitchen. He built his first home there where he lived for seventeen years. Fourteen years ago, Dorn bought his current property near Timberlake where he built the home he would live in until his death.

During his years in Candy Kitchen and the Timberlake area, Dorn built many beautiful homes, as well as adding a spare room or other more modest work to help a neighbor. Quality was always his objective and he earned a great deal of respect and many, many friends in the area as a result. These friends, along with his former wife, cared for him to the end. He was well loved!

His epitaph: "We all have a beginning and an end, and I lived my life 'MY WAY' - most people do not." He was a patriot and loved his country to the end.

Dorn is survived by his brother, Richard Little of Pacific Palisades, California, his nephew, Christian Little, and his nieces, Courtney Stockham, and Jacqui Rimando, all of Salt Lake City, Utah, and his niece Skylar Meinhardt of Westchester, California.

A Burial Service will be held at his home near Timberlake on Saturday, October 24 at 11:00 am, with a Memorial Celebration and Pot Luck to follow at the Timberlake Community Center. Call 505-783-2460 for directions.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to American Legion Post 80 (Operation Wounded Warrior). They should be mailed to Frank Anderson, PO Box 2758, Milan, NM 87021. As a Vietnam Veteran, Dorn believed strongly in helping our veterans who are suffering from the effects of war so your contributions will be greatly appreciated.