

## **Donald York (1943-2007)**

With his loving family near his side at his home in Barstow, Donald Paul York was called to be with the Lord on July 18, 2007. Born in Johntown, Texas on April 30, 1943 to Bessie and Russell York, he was 64. Don moved to the Barstow area during eighth grade and was a resident on and off for nearly 40 years. He was co-owner with his father-in-law, Troy Dunn, of local business Desert Produce for over 30 years. He attended Barstow High School and Long Beach Community College before being drafted by the United States Army in 1965, where he was a decorated Vietnam veteran. After the war, Don traveled the United States and worked in a variety of fields including construction and the gaming industry in Nevada. Founder and lead singer of musical group "Daddy Dip and the Country Gash," Don loved family gatherings and was known to many as the life of the party. You could always find Don at the local sports fields watching his children, and later his grandchildren, playing various sports. With a true thirst of knowledge, he was an avid reader of newspapers, books and the Readers Digest. He was a huge sports fan (Go Dodgers!) and loved to watch "Jeopardy" and "Law and Order." Best known to his family as their beloved "Papa," he was a proud father of three and grandfather of six. He was married on December 31, 1973, and is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, DeAnn York; sons, Don York II (with wife Eileen) and Dustin York (wife April) of Barstow; daughter, Tiffany Barnes (husband Jason) of Ontario; granddaughters, Alexis, Brittany, Allyson, Elizabeth, Taylor; and grandson, Donald Paul York III. He is also survived by sisters, Naomi Ridinger of Texas and Belinda Bedall of Las Vegas, Nev.; and brother Tony McClanahan of Barstow; numerous aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Suzy Moore and Jeannie Carraher; brothers, Michael Alexander and Johnny York. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2007 at the New Life Fellowship, 134 W. Main Street. Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Services of Barstow, 252-5222.

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