



Johnny Clay Moore, loving husband, father and friend passed away on April 25th 2004 at the age of 54. He was a Tacoma resident born in Clarksdale, MS on May 26th 1949 and he lived every one of those 54 years to the fullest.

He spent most of his childhood in the south, graduating from Leachville High School in 1967. After High School he started studies at the University of Arkansas and then joined the Army with his closest friend, Jimmy Turnbow in 1968. He served in Vietnam and went on to retire as a 1st SGT after 23 years of service in 1990.

The Army took him all around the world and when stationed at Fort Lewis, WA after the war not only did he fall in love with the Pacific Northwest he fell in love with his first wife Barbara Banker. They were married in March of 1972 and together they had 2 children, Crystal Arlene and Charles Grant.

The Army sent them to many places such as Germany, Korea, Pullman, WA, where he was the ROTC director and rifle coach, and then onto Fairbanks, AK where he retired at Fort Wainwright.

After retirement he earned his Associates Degree in Business at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, became the President of the VFW Post #3629 and took full advantage of all the Alaska had to offer. Being an avid lover of the outdoors he began working the summer seasons at Denali National Park.

In 1998 he moved back to the Pacific Northwest and settled in Tacoma where he married his best friend and soul mate Karen Williams. They were married in July of 2000 and shared 5 great years together. They enjoyed life and loved to get out on their new Harley Davidson Ultra Classic.

Johnny was a realtor with Crescent Realty and loved getting in touch with his fellow brothers he served with in Vietnam via email and attending reunions. He also became a member of the Catkillerz, a moderator for the Black Lions and an administrator for the First Infantry Division.

Johnny enjoyed life, loved to laugh and make others laugh, and always had a story or joke to tell. He was a man with a wonderful heart and spirit. Johnny's sense of humor and love of life will be missed by all.

Johnny is survived by his wife Karen Moore; children; Crystal Moore and Charles Moore; stepdaughter Jenny Williams, all of Tacoma; sisters; Sandra Gail Dietle, LA, Janice Kay Robertson, MO, and Linda Sue Stevenson, TX brother Donnie Moore, MO; and many Aunts, Uncles, cousins and friends.

The memorial services will be held on Friday, July 16th 2004 at 1:00pm at Yahn & Son Funeral Home, 55 West Valley Hwy S, Auburn, WA. There will be a full military ceremony to follow at 3:00pm at Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th St, Kent, WA. A celebration of life will follow in Lakewood, WA.