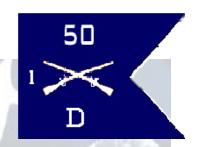


1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY COMPANY D



Obituary for Randy Groebler

William (Randy) Groebler was born to Bill and Nancie on April 17th, 1948 in Napa, CA. He grew up in Santa Rosa, Hayward, and Dublin, Ca, graduating high school at Amador in Pleasanton.

Randy served in the US Army with Company D, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and earned the Purple Heart after being seriously wounded by a Boobytrapped enemy grenade near the village of Phu Thu in Binh Dinh Province in Vietnam. He returned to California where he married Kathi Speer and had two children Kellie and Ryan. Randy worked as a civil servant for the USPS for nearly thirty years where he delivered mail and drove an inter-station truck. Near the end of his postal career Randy was remarried to Julie Shomber who he met at the post office. Randy loved music, fishing and camping, photography and watching classic movies. He liked to watch Nascar races, football, and baseball. As a young man he got his love for baseball from his mother. Randy reminisced often about hunting pheasant and abalone diving with his father. He also loved to cook and was a champion chili cook going to Las Vegas twice for the World Championship Chili Cookoff. Randy enjoyed having BBQ's with friends and family.



Randy will be greatly missed by his wife Julie, his children Kellie (Michael Machi), Ryan, Crystal (Kevin Albert), Penny, and Jean, and his grandchildren, William, Samantha, Bella, Alexis, and Troy.

