

# DEAN KENNETH SPOONER

**Passed away June 17, 2023 in San Diego, CA.**

Dean Kenneth Spooner, 75, USA, Vietnam Vet.

Dean passed away at the age of 75 years old. His death certificate reflects, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Diabetes Mellitus.

Dean joined the Army on 08-29-67, his reserve service ended on 8-29-73. He rose to the rank of sergeant E-5 & was honorably discharged 8/28/1969. Dean served in the Vietnam War with the Mortar Platoon of Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. Honors include: Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Good conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Combat Infantry Badge and Sharpshooter Badge.

After Dean left the Army, he became a Contractor for 54 years. He was a pilot & former owner of his own airplane. He was also a sailboat sailor & former owner of a sailboat.

Dean was in several car clubs: The Porsche for 52 years, BMW, and Studebaker. He was President of Lemon Grove Rotary club. Member of Elks Lodge, American Legion, life member of VFW.

Dean is survived by his wife of 54 years Janice Spooner, daughter Claudine Spooner, sister Sally and niece Erin.

Burial was Friday, August 11th. 2023 at Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, CA

