



Paul Glen Horton

September 30, 1944 - August 1, 2019

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Paul Glen Horton, of Clovis, passed away August 1 after a short battle with cancer.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Maribeth, and daughters Dana (married to Milton Poore), Darcy (married to Mark Kinnersley), stepdaughter Monica Spear, stepson Craig Gerbi (married to Judi), his surviving sibling, Zoe Peverill and cousins, nieces, nephews and extended blended family. Five grandchildren have delighted him and will miss him; Payton and Jake Poore of Madera, Kyra and Kayla Kinnersley of Denver, Colorado and Vincent Gerbi of Half Moon Bay.

Born in Clovis on September 30th, 1944, Paul was taught to fly the family fixed wing airplane and was the youngest private pilot in California at that time. When he was drafted into the Army, he transferred those flight skills into a distinguished military career serving around the world proudly and honorably for 23 years.

As a veteran of the Vietnam War, he earned the Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Vietnam Service Medal, and Armor Aviator Badge to name just a few.

After retirement, Paul and Maribeth traveled, enjoyed hosting at Camp Edison and weekends on their mountain property. A passionate animal lover to a host of dogs and cats that ruled the family home, he was known for adopting feisty old dogs from the shelter and giving them a new lease on life. As a result, he leaves behind his beloved Herbie who misses him dearly.

Services will be held Thursday August 8th at 10 a.m. at Chapel of the Light in Fresno followed by a private interment at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in his name to Hinds Hospice or an animal rescue of your choice.

Cemetery

San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

32053 West McCabe Road
Santa Nella, CA, 95322

Events

AUG Visitation 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Chapel of the Light Funeral Home
1620 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA, US,
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AUG Funeral Service 10:00AM

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Comments



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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - August 08 at 10:49 AM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Paul Glen Horton.



August 07 at 04:27 PM



“ 69 files added to the album LifeTributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - August 07 at 03:54 PM



“ Willaim Hendon lit a candle in memory of Paul Glen Horton



Willaim Hendon - August 06 at 10:47 PM



“ My heart goes out to Paul’s family and my thoughts and prayers are with them. I cannot say enough good things about Paul. I was proud to have served with him and glad he was my friend. We have lost a great man. I met Paul during one of the roughest periods of my life and his loyal friendship helped me through those hard times. I would like to share an experience Paul and I had that is an example of his love for animals, all animals. The story: We often ran together during lunchtime . These runs usually were 4-5 miles in length and 6-8 miles when we had time. Giving me time to discuss my woes with Paul was one reason I really looked forward to those runs. One day we were running beside a big parking lot next to the huge entertainment bowl in Mountain View, California. As we were jogging and talking, I looked up and about 50 feet ahead saw a great, big snake, 5-6 feet long, crawling across the sidewalk heading into the parking lot. Not wanting Mr. Snake to get hurt or killed, Paul said “let’s catch the snake”. I have to admit, I was a little apprehensive and very hesitant. Sensing my uneasiness, Paul sprang into action. He circled around in front the snake to get its attention, then skipped in back of it and grabbed that big snake by its tail (I am not joking!). Of course, that big snake made a U-turn and headed straight for Paul. Paul just danced backwards, out of the snake’s way. Mr. Snake forgot about Paul but kept heading in a safe direction away from the parking lot, which was what Paul wanted. It crawled back in the direction from which it had come, over a berm, and back into a marsh and safety. Paul and I continued our run and never, ever, saw that snake again. I guess that not only showed his love for animals but Paul’s bravery too. That’s just one example. I hope you enjoyed that real, life story. Thanks to Paul for being my friend.

LTC WILLIAM R HENDON - August 06 at 10:12 PM



“ Your words and memories are a gift to us! Thank you for sharing! He was grateful for your friendship.

Darcy - August 07 at 12:45 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Glen Horton.



August 06 at 10:51 AM



“ Rebecca Kochheiser lit a candle in memory of Paul Glen Horton



Rebecca Kochheiser - August 05 at 01:33 PM



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Rebecca Kochheiser - August 05 at 01:32 PM



“ Nikki Peverill-Greer lit a candle in memory of Paul Glen Horton



Nikki Peverill-Greer - August 03 at 10:56 PM



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Nikki Peverill-Greer - August 03 at 02:25 PM



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Nikki Peverill-Greer - August 03 at 02:21 PM



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Nikki Peverill-Greer - August 03 at 02:18 PM



“ Served with Paul in Illeshime, Germany 73-76 best tour of duty in my military career. Excellent leader, pilot, good man to be around business or pleasure. Great memories.

Salute.

Andy L McJohnston - August 03 at 12:03 PM



“ My sympathy goes out to my cousin Paul's family. As a child I spent summers in Clovis with Paul, his sisters Sue and Zoe, and his brother Nick. Those were special days in my life and left me with wonderful memories. When Paul left us this world lost a kind, soft hearted, loving person.



Jeri Cook - August 03 at 09:55 AM