



Buck Jasper "BJ" Reese

October 28, 1935 - May 11, 2014

Buck Jasper "BJ" Reese was born on October 28, 1935 in Bakersfield, California and was called Home to Heaven on May 11, 2014 at the age of 78.

Buck was in the U.S. Navy Seabees for eight and half years. One of his many assignments was to help build the US submarine base in Scotland. After a few other jobs he went to work for the County of Fresno, Dept. of Public Works and Planning in Roads Maintenance. After 26 years, he retired from there in a managerial position. He also worked at The Big Fresno Fair for many years after his retirement.

Buck loved to go deep-sea fishing. He was proud of his catch. He loved to create wonderful salmon, tuna, etc. meals and frequently took some to his Mother and sister, Norma. He built his own smoker and made delicious smoked salmon, turkey, beef jerky, etc.

His catch of a large freshwater fish led him to learn taxidermy. He was self-taught and sought the advice of the best taxidermists in town and became a craftsman in taxidermy for all kinds of fish, birds, and animals.

These are only a couple of his many talents. Whenever he saw something that sparked his interest, he researched it thoroughly and became very good at it. Some crafts included stitchery, stones and gems, leather work, raising

birds, cultivating trees and gardens, building dune buggies and the list goes on...

Most important of all, he loved people. He never met a stranger. And people loved him.

He is preceded in death by his former wife, Mineko "Toni"; his father Jasper Buck Reese; his mother and step father Mary and William Klise; and a brother, Kenneth Reese.

BJ is survived by his wife Marina Angcog Reese; stepdaughter Ruthie Mae Hallasgo; his siblings Hazel Steitz, Norma Depoyan, Stephen Klise and Timothy Klise.

Private Services were held. Interment took place in the Chapel of the Light Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Previous Events

Private Services were held

MAY 19 (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Buck Jasper "BJ" Reese*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *In memory of one of my oldest and dearest friends. You will be missed looking across the street and not seeing you there. We have had many conversations over the past 45 plus years. You have seen my kids grow up from little ones to adulthood. My heart goes out to your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Your friend forever
Marilyn Jackson and family*

Marilyn Jackson - May 16, 2014 at 09:06 PM



“ *I love you "Big Brother". Thank you for loving me and watching out for me. You've left a big hole in my heart. I'm going to miss you, not to mention your home cured green olives and all your delicious foods you shared with me. I'll never eat another green olive without thinking of you. See you later...*

Norma - May 16, 2014 at 07:57 PM