



# Charles Milton McKinnie

November 16, 1942 - August 19, 2021

Charlie was born in 1942 in Kansas the eldest son of the late Charles P. and Thelma E. McKinnie, survived by his wife Glenda married for 52 years; daughters Shelli Endicott of San Antonio, Texas and Leanna McKinnie of Bella Vista, Arkansas; sister JoAnne Adell of Casper, Wyoming and brother Gordon McKinnie and wife Karen of San Antonio, Texas; Grandfather to Lindsey Gleason and Logan De los Santos; great-grandfather to Charlotte and Nicholas. Brothers-in-law Earl Dorsey of Helena, Montana and James Dorsey of Carlsbad, California; sisters-in-law, Gloria Barrett of Hemet, California and Malinda DeFreece of Conway, Missouri. He was the proud uncle to nine nephews and thirteen nieces.

Charlie grew up in Erie, Kansas where he had an idyllic childhood of family fun, attending school, playing sports along with many memorable family vacations and, in the process made mini lifelong friends. After two years of college, he began a career in sales traveling the country. He then joined the Kansas city Missouri police department for six years and traveled nationally as a highly decorated member of the Marksman Team where he held many sharp shooting records. In early 1971 Charles and his family moved to southern California, where he worked for Jack LaLanne for several years, in sales, before starting a long career in tape manufacturing tht would take them to New England for two years, then moving back to Southern California, where he and Glenda would live for nearly 40 years. Throughout his life he was involved with several business ventures preceding is working in construction industry as a General Contractor and Superintendent before retiring in 2014. he and Glenda moved to Holiday Island in 2008 and have enjoyed being part of the "Posse" Six couples that would do numerous fun and memorable dinners, gatherings, holidays, and so much more as the best of friends.

Charles was a true patriot of the United States, as a lifetime member of the NRA, he was a proud member of Coto de Casa Gun Club, Ducks Unlimited and White River Valley Sportsman's Association. Charlie was frequently able to enjoy a mini trap and skeet shooting, close range and long range targets outings. He shared his love and expertise of guns with Leanna and Logan and they enjoyed going target shooting with him. He had a

great passion for both Ocean and freshwater fishing, visiting Hawaii and Alaska for the more ambitious fishing trips with Glenda (even though she usually out fished him). He loved taking Shelli, Leanna, Lindsey and Logan fishing in, and around Erie; either at the river or local farm ponds. Fishing the mini lakes of California, Missouri and Arkansas was one of his favorite past times especially with family and friends. He was a devoted fan of the Kansas City Chiefs something shared with Glenda, Leanna and Shelli throughout the years; even; even attending many games in California and Arrowhead Stadium. He was highly skilled wood Cressman starting his first woodshop in New England and has built mini keepsake pieces be loved by family and friends.

Early on, the ever adventure loving Charlie enjoyed piloting his airplane, camping, hang gliding, snow and water skiing, boating, body surfing, billiards and much more. He loves riding his motorcycle, during the early days of California, with Glenda and Leanna and later riding motorcycles in the Ozarks on the winding mountain roads, taking many daytrips with his favorite riding buddy Mike Lubbers.

He loved family and friends gatherings either at the holidays, or for special events like reunions, weddings, and other celebrations. He was blessed to know many people, he never really met a stranger, living up to the saying of "Good time Charlie". He was an active member of the Holiday Island Elks Lodge and enjoyed the mini fun events and outings with friends he made there. As a God loving man of faith, he was raised Methodist attending the family church in Erie, attended Garden Grove Community Church in California, the Mariners Community Church in Irvine, and finally served, here, at the Holiday Island Community Church on the security, greeting and ushering team for many years. There will never be anyone who can feel the shoes of our beloved and adored Charlie.