



RJ Holland

January 13, 1929 - December 4, 2015

RJ Holland of San Tan Valley, Arizona passed away December 4, 2015, in Holladay, Utah, he was 86.

RJ was born January 13, 1929 in Norman Oklahoma, later moved to California, where he worked at the Del Mar Cannery in Monterrey. He later got drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War where he got 2 purple hearts and many other medals. He later came back to marry his sweetheart, Lorraine L. Williams. He worked at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Oakland CA. After he retired RJ moved to Tooele, UT and then to Wenden, AZ. Lorraine passed away in July 1994. RJ later married Ivonda Irwin and moved to Santan Valley, AZ where she passed away.

He was preceded in death by his wives, his parents, his 7 brothers, 3 sisters, and 1 daughter.

He loved the outdoors especially hunting, camping and boating with his family. Later in life one of his greatest joys was riding his Goldwing trike (we thought he was having a midlife crisis). RJ was a member of the (GWRRA) Motorcycle club, and a proud member of the N.R.A.

RJ is survived by his son, Ronald J. SR (Laurie) Holland, Magna, UT; daughters, Rayla Jayne (Dewey) Holland, Robert Lee, TX; Vicky (Steve) Hoagland, Santan Valley, AZ; Rita (Kenny) Beatie, West Jordan, UT; grandchildren, Jenifer Marshall, Ronald J JR (Liz) Holland, Justin Myers, Rachel Myers and Marty Myers III, Rhett Hoagland, Lacy (Dave) Smith, Misty (Zane) Lawhon; 15 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandkids.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Prescott, AZ at the National Cemetery with military honors.

The Family would like to thank Holladay Health Care and Canyon Hospice for the excellent and compassionate care given to RJ.

Comments



“ I have a hard time just thinking about one memory I have so many. But driving back to Texas reminded me of the many road trips we took together. When I was just little I remember mom and dad just getting a cooler and some weenies and we would stop somewhere and build a little fire and roast them. We would always take Sunday drives and explore things or go jack rabbit hunting and never came home with any rabbit! One time down in Wendel I remember Rachel asking him "grandpaw where's the road?" he said " don't you see it? It's right there in front of my jeep!" Sometimes we would be driving along and he would start pointing at something off in the distance, when you would ask him what it was he would say " don't you see the Buffalo standing there?" I remember daddy teaching me to drive and how much I like to go exploring now and he will always be there in the passenger seat listening to me sing along with the radio and not complaining about me not knowing all the words. I loved all the time we spent together going nowhere and talking about nothing it was just fun being together. I love you Daddy and I will keep you with me always in my heart. R.I.P.
Love your daughter
Rayla Jayne

Rayla Jayne Holland - December 22, 2015 at 11:33 AM



“ One of the greatest times that comes to my mind is when Jay & Lorraine were living in Wenden Arizona. We went down to visit and one night we decided to go jack rabbit hunting, we all get in the jeep with a spotlight, go down through the washes and when we were done we had wood on the top of the jeep, but no jack rabbits, just a great time, it reminded me of the beverly hillbillies. I am going to miss him sooo much and taking care of him these last 4 months. You were the BEST FATHER-IN-LAW that anyone could have!!!! RIP JAY I LOVE YOU

Laurie Holland - December 19, 2015 at 09:28 AM



“ I loved spending time with my grandpa he would take me fishing, camping, and boating, he taught me how to fish even though that isn't something I like to do lol. I caught my fish in Lake Powell with my grandma and grandpa and he thought it was so funny to see how scared I was to try and reel that thing in I almost went off the back of the boat. Good times! I will miss him everyday he was a great man and I love him so much. RIP grandpa until we meet again. I love you

Jenifer Marshall - December 18, 2015 at 02:02 PM