

Byron John Miksch, Jr.

Three Rivers - Three Rivers resident Byron John Miksch, Jr. was born Visalia, CA on April 29, 1940. He passed away in Visalia on January 20, 2020 at the age of 79 after a brief illness.

Byron graduated from Three Rivers Elementary School in 1954 then graduated from Woodlake High in 1958 where he played football. During his youth he was very active in Boy Scouts of America, reaching the honor of Eagle Scout. Byron also served with the United States Army in Viet Nam, 1964-65 where he received a Purple Heart after being wounded serving as a Helicopter Crew Chief. After being discharged from the Army, he worked for the Edison Company, retiring after thirty years. He worked in a variety of places from Big Creek down to Boulder Dam, and areas in between. While working in the San Bernardino area he was a volunteer on the San Bernardino Search and Rescue team. Byron was also a member of the Vinh Long Outlaws, a group of Helicopter Pilots and crew who all served together in Viet Nam. He loved attending the Reunions every couple of years and catching up with old friends.

Byron is survived by his wife Karen Dresser Briggs of Visalia, his daughter Shelby Miksch of Spokane, WA, his step-daughters, Charlene Briggs and her children Jessica and Caitlyn Sanchez of Visalia, and Mary Onstott, her husband Matthew, and their children Dylan Marie and Joshua of Visalia. He is also survived by his sister Mary Andrade of Three Rivers. He was preceded in death by his parents Byron and Laura Belle Miksch of Three Rivers, his sister Janet Gilman of Rosamond, CA, and his son Justin John Miksch of the U.S. Navy.

We would like the Nurses and staff on Station 2 at Redwood Springs for the tender, loving care they gave to Byron in his final days. He loved you all.

At Byron's request there will be no services. Remember him the way you last saw him and smile. Tributes and condolences may be made at www.millerchapel.com