



## Ben V. Meitzen, Jr.

October 28, 1930 - August 14, 2015

Ben V. Meitzen, Jr. passed away on August 14, 2015. He was born on October 28, 1930 in San Antonio, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents Ben Sr., and Esther Meitzen, first wife Johnnie Meitzen, step-daughter Lauren Blanton and step-grandchild Christopher Cavanagh Blanton. Ben is survived by his wife of 17 years, Sonja Meitzen; children Jaci Zapata Michael, Traci Kowalik Ken, Jeff Friend; step-child Leslie Blanton Brendan; grandchildren Ami Hoover, Ashli Kowalik, Hunter Kowalik and Danielle Friend; step-grandchildren Lena Cavanagh Blanton and Diego Cavanagh Blanton; great-grandchildren Autumn Gaitan, Nevaeh Gaitan, and Echo Gaitan; niece, Cindy Arnold Frank, brother-in-law, Rick Owens Karen, sister-in-law Betty Wayt and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ben had a love for life. Scuba diving, sky diving and riding his Indian Chief motorcycle as a young man were just some of his adventures. Later in life, he and Sonja thoroughly loved traveling especially when seeking out all the best waterfalls! Ben was a brilliant artist and was an expert in every medium from painting, sculpting, wood carving to furniture making. Ben was loved by all who were lucky enough to know him and his passing will leave a hole in all of our hearts.