



## Joe R. Hunt

December 22, 1942 - August 27, 2019

### JOE "RON" HUNT

Joe "Ron" Hunt, 76, of Chico, died suddenly on Tuesday August 27, in the presence of his wife, JJ, and many friends, while in the midst of one of his favorite endeavors of all time, softball.

Ron was born to the late Joseph and Geraldine Hunt, December 22, 1942, in Idabel, Oklahoma. He was the precious grandson of the late Joe Charles Hunt and Ruie Churchill Hunt of Arkansas, and the late Otto and Ethel Doan of Oklahoma. In 1965, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served as a Seabee in MCB9, and survived two tours to Vietnam.

On his return home to southern California, Ron got back into playing music. He loved Bluegrass and Folk music, and began playing with 3 other talented gentlemen. They called their group Prohibition '69. They produced an album which was warmly received, and then were approached to play abroad on a 6-week U.S.O. tour.

Ron graduated from Chico State University in 1974 with a B.A. Degree in Physical Education. While pursuing his degree, he played his 5-string banjo when and where he could. It was on the grass in front of the Administration Building, playing with the Oak River Boys, that Ron met his future wife, JJ.

Ron continued playing and composing music throughout his life. He last played publicly with a group called Clear Creek. He and the other players always looked forward to their next reunion.

Ron's other passion in life was the Franklin automobile. Franklins were manufactured in Syracuse, NY, between 1902 and 1934. He found these vehicles so unique and beautiful, he would do whatever he could do to aid anyone in their process of restoration and preservation.

Ron engaged in many different kinds of work, always giving it his all, no matter what the job. He spent many years as a County Weights and Measures Inspector, always doing his best to ensure that both the consumer and the shopkeeper were getting a fair shake.

Ron leaves behind his beloved wife, JJ; son and daughter-in-law, Shannon and Dawn Hunt; and grandson Willem Jadie Hunt. He is also survived by his brother Kenneth and wife Shirin, nephew Alexander and niece Sierra; and brother Gary and wife Shirley, and nieces Shauna, Shammi, and Shelli.

Numerous extended family, friends, softball players, musicians, bowlers, and Franklin enthusiasts are missing Ron today, and ever more. Ronnie, you are my dove.

In lieu of flowers, Ron's family would be honored if you would donate to a charity of your choosing, in his memory.

A graveside service will take place on Monday September 16, at 11:00 AM, in the Military Section at Chico Cemetery. Everyone is welcome.

# Cemetery

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## Chico Cemetery

881 Mangrove

Chico, CA, 95926

# Events

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**SEP** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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881 Mangrove, Chico, CA, US, 95926

# Comments

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“ Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Joe R. Hunt.



September 13, 2019 at 01:07 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe R. Hunt.



September 10, 2019 at 02:38 PM