



Richard Jay Arnold

August 31, 1951 - July 4, 2016

Richard Jay Arnold, 64, passed away on Monday, July 4th, 2016. It was his favorite holiday. Richard was born in Fort Worth, Texas on August 13, 1951 to Fannie Journeay and Solom Lee Arnold. He was raised there until he moved to Midland, Texas in 2006. In his early years Ric was a heavy equipment operator. He later managed an independent book store. He enjoyed any activities where he could be outdoors and he loved riding his motorcycle and tinkering with his 1981 Ford Bronco. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren. After retiring he was involved in building and flying Radio Controlled Airplanes. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother Solom L. Arnold Jr. Ric is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Claudia Blanche Arnold; one daughter, Courtney Arnold Mitchell and her husband Chris Mitchell; two sons, Jason Matthew and Christine Valdez and James Richard Arnold along with 11 grandchildren. Ric was a caring , loving man that would lend a helping hand on any job that needed doing. He will be greatly missed.