



Stephen Knippers

March 25, 1947 - June 27, 2020

Stephen Knippers, 73, died after a battle with cancer in Midland, Texas, June 27, 2020. Steve was born in San Angelo, Texas, on March 25, 1947 Bernice and Douglas Knippers in Tom Green county, Texas, and was raised in Bossier City, Louisiana, where he graduated from Bossier City High School in 1965. He went on to serve in the Air Force from 1965-1969. After his military service he graduated from Louisiana Tech University and began his career as a geologist working mostly in the Permian Basin of Texas, and moving to Midland in the 1970's. He pursued a number of hobbies which included building race cars and dune buggies; fishing, camping and gold prospecting mostly in the mountains of New Mexico; woodworking, photography, and perfecting smoked ribs. He was an avid adventurer and loved to travel by motorcycle and explore off road. He was preceded in death by his mother Bernice Cook. He is survived by his long time love, Lynda (Scott) Carlton of Midland, Texas; son, Jason Knippers and his wife Melissa of Richland, Mississippi; daughters Brandi Moore of Odessa, Texas, and Kara Viner along with her husband Christopher of Midland, Texas; grandchildren Chloe', Kennedy, and Kait Knippers, Jacob Moore, Brighton and Reece Windham, and Mason Fonte. Steve will be greatly missed by his family and friends and was described as "the most lovable hermit I ever knew". A private memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements by American Heritage Cemetery Funeral Home Crematory.