



Donald Earl Chittenden

September 26, 1943 - February 19, 2017

Donald Earl Chittenden, 73, a long time native of Corning, passed away quietly at Mercy Hospital in Redding on Sunday, February 19, 2017, after suffering a stroke. Born September 26, 1943, in Red Bluff, California, Donald (Don) was the first son of Fred Earl and Elizabeth Chittenden. Don attended Corning schools, Chico State College, and Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

He lived most of his life in Corning except during his early years when he lived in the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area and worked for Whitey Tool and Research Company in Emeryville, California. He married Patricia Fleming on July 1, 1977, in Richmond, California; shortly thereafter the two of them returned to Corning. Don enjoyed a truck driving career with Embrey & Stokes Trucking, and Lassen Trucking.

Don had many natural talents including musical skills and artistic talents in many mediums. Some of his talents encompassed water and oil painting, stain glass crafting, writing, photography, videotaping, and an appreciation for the simpler things in life. An extremely resourceful individual, Don constructed his home from adobe bricks on land purchased from his grandparents, John and Bessie Morris. He made his own bricks, dug his own well, and powered the home by solar and wind generators. No stranger to adventure, Don enjoyed riding motorcycles and time in the air flying ultra-lite airplanes. Don's love for nature and the land is revealed in his many wonderful photographs and videography of events surrounding his life over

the years in and around his home and Northern California.

Don is survived by his wife Patricia; his siblings Barbara Putnam of Orland, Gerri Hemsted of Redding, Faye Siemens of Orland, and Thomas Chittenden of Fremont. Don was well loved by many friends and relatives including aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made in Don's name to the charity of your choice.

The family will have private services.