



James Leroy Cornell

April 19, 1949 - November 13, 2017

James L. Cornell went home to be with the Lord on November 13, 2017. He was born April 19, 1949 in Delano, CA to Clayton and Betty Cornell. He married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Leary on October 11, 1969. He served in the Vietnam War from 1968-1972. Jim was devoted to his family and his faith where he was a chaplain in the state and federal prison system. He was preceded in death by his father Clayton Cornell and his son Benjamin Essert. Jim is survived by his wife Beverly of 48 years and their daughter, Christine Williams and her husband David and their son, Clifford Cornell. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jacob Williams and his wife Hailey, Emily Williams, Hannah Williams, Kailey Cornell, Madison Cornell, Cody Cornell, Megan Cornell, Cassidy Cornell and great grandson Archer Williams. Surviving him also is his mother Betty Cornell and siblings Dale Cornell, Cathy Cornell and Michael Cornell. A memorial service will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Arvin, CA at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Viewing will be at the church at 9:00am. In lieu of flowers, Donations maybe made to The Kern County Autism Center, 14150 Sunset Blvd, Arvin, CA 93203.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Leroy Cornell*

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“ *I served with Jim during my Navy career at Assault Craft Unit 1. We deployed together on the USS Denver (LPD-9) from Oct 71 thru Aug72. As a more senior Engineman, he taught me much of what I needed to know as a Mike Boat crew member. Some of us have since stumbled over each other and to that end, I tried to find him. He was a hard worker and a good shipmate. Sorry I missed you Jim.... To Jims family: I'm sure I have a few photos of him. Please contact me via e-mail and we'll connect. V/r Paul Copsey*

Paul Copsey - May 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM