



William Ray Hand

June 4, 1945 - April 23, 2017

William Ray Hand of Sierra Vista died in Tucson on April 23, 2017 at the age of 71. Arrangements are currently pending.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ *William Ray Hand*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

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“ I met WILL "BUCK" HAND as City Marshal of Tombstone in 1997. BUCK and his band of "Arizona Territorial Rangers" assisted in policing events such as "Helldorado" and "Wyatt Earp Days" when our four-man department was spread thin. He was a hard-working professional with a good attitude.

I am proud to know BUCK as best friend and my brother. We were police officers and Special Forces soldiers. BUCK lied about his age to join the USMC at 14. He reenlisted in the Army as an Airborne-Ranger and volunteered for two tours in Vietnam. His second was in SF. He lied again to enter the Arizona National Guard, over-age, so as to be a truck driver in Kuwait/Iraq. His convoy was ambushed and he returned fire at insurgents through his windshield. He received a purple heart for glass in his eyes.

BUCK owned a small ranch in Willcox with an assortment of critters. His family settled the Pearce area and he considered himself born a century too late. He had an extensive knowledge of historical events of Cochise County and volunteered at the REX ALLEN Museum in Willcox.

BUCK has saddled "DANDY" and has ridden off into the 1880s. Grace and comfort to his family on the death of this gentle man. We pass in sorrow, but not in despair. "Atque in perpetuum, frater, ave atque vale." ["Hail & fairwell, brother, for eternity"]. (Poet CATULLUS to his brother GAIUS VALERIUS, ca. 57 B.C.).

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