



Manyfingers Hostetler

March 11, 2020

Manyfingers Hoestetler, age 71, passed away peacefully at Carrus Specialty Hospital in Sherman, Texas, surrounded by his family and friends on March 1, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Manyfingers was born to Robert and Francis Hostetler on April 14, 1948 in Summerset, Pennsylvania. He leaves behind his wife Melody of the home, brother Ed and wife Janet of Missouri, Mother-in-law Freda Knight and sister-in-law Janice Knight of Ohio, brother-in-law Jeff Knight and wife Karen of Indiana, his estranged children Christine, Robert, Shannon, and Adam, all residence unknown, as well as many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and numerous friends. If Manyfingers has any other unannounced relatives, his loved ones extend their deepest condolences. He was preceded in death by his parents and his infant child Sunshine.

He entered the Marine Corps in 1965 and served with distinction as a Marine in Vietnam. He was wounded and became prisoner of war, was one of the few prisoners that escaped and received commendations for his distinctions and bravery. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Marine Corps never left him. As friends and family will attest. He earned several medals including the Silver Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Vietnam Campaign Device and Good Conduct Medal. Using his GI bill, he completed his education at California Berkley with a Masters in social work, and he worked many years trying to improve conditions for other Vietnam Veterans with drug addictions and

homelessness. While living in California, he was a past Vice President and rode with the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club.

Manyfingers enjoyed being a Master Mason and was a member of the Albany Lodge No. 159, and Caddo Lodge No. 3, he served in all positions in the Lodge. He was a past Master of Albany Lodge five times and was the current Master of Caddo Lodge No. 3. He was also active in the York Rite, where he served several positions in the Royal Arch Masons and was a Knight Templar. In the Scottish Rite, he was a 32nd degree Mason, a Knight of St. Andrew and a lifetime member of the Royal Order of the Duck.

Manyfingers was a proud member of the Lakota Sioux Nation, and practiced Native American beliefs, was a Lakota Dancer and instructor and was a Native Artisan. He had many varied interests in life, some of which were motorcycles and horseback riding, cooking and enjoying good food and life, medieval roleplaying with the ECS, hunting, fishing and black powder shooting, taking care of the animals on the farm, and magic. Manyfingers was one of the top 50 stage magicians at one time, and belonged to the magic circle, helping with some illusions still being used at the Haunted Castle. In 1998, he married the love of his life, Melody (Knight), and the two made their home on a farm in Bennington, Oklahoma.

A memorial service is being planned for friends and family, but details are not available at this time, please contact a local mason or the home for information.

Arrangements are under the direction of Browns Funeral Service. Online condolences can be made at www.BrownsFuneralService.com

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