
Mel Crane

Mel "Minka" Crane was born February 24, 1944 in Waterloo, IA. His family soon moved to live in Dallas, TX. In 1961, Mel joined the U.S. Air Force and was eventually transferred to Lincoln, NE where he served as an Atlas Missile driver for the Strategic Air Command. It was during his time in Lincoln that he was introduced to Dorothy "Dot" Anderson. They soon found themselves in love and were married in July 1964. In 1965, Mel and Dot proudly presented their first child, Scott, to the world. Mel was honorably discharged and moved his bride to Okmulgee, OK to attend OSU Technical College. After some time, he joined Snap-On Tools in Tulsa, OK, where Mel and Dorothy introduced their second child, Christine. From there the Crane family made their home in Amarillo, TX and finally in Oklahoma City, OK. It was in Oklahoma City that Mel said a temporary goodbye to his bride, as she passed away in 1995. After her passing, Mel became involved in a couple of volunteer groups. A child advocate, he took great pleasure in helping children who could not help themselves. His time with Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) brought him so much joy and happiness. Mel also contributed his time and talents to the American Legion, where he was able to help those who had sacrificed themselves for our country. Mel is preceded in death by his parents, Harold L. Crane and Anna E. Hoffa Crane and his wife, Dorothy A. Anderson Crane. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Grace Crane of Plano, TX, daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Sean Fuller of Edmond, OK, three grandchildren, Lydia Fuller, Seth Fuller and Spencer Fuller all of Edmond, OK, his brother and sister-in-law, Lee and Carol Crane of Richardson, TX and many nieces and nephews. Services will be held at 10am, Friday, March 13, at First Presbyterian Church of Edmond. In lieu of flowers, your kind consideration of a donation to: B.A.C.A., PO Box 890162, Oklahoma City, OK 73189 or American Legion Riders Post 1340, PO Box 272374, Oklahoma City, OK 73137-2374 would be greatly appreciated.

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