Lenard "Lenny" Eugene Noice

Lenard "Lenny" Eugene Noice, 59, (01-11-1950 to 01-16-2009), Beloved and Loved, unexpectedly passed away on Friday, January 16, 2009.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Carla; son, Lenny Noice II and wife, Nancy of West Linn, OR; mother, Juliana Rivera of Pecos, NM; twin brother, Kenny E. Noice of Albuquerque; sister, Julie (Gonzales) Dye of Phoenix, AZ; father and step-mother, Harold and Patty Noice of Salem, OR; half-sisters, Susan (Noice) Gauderman of Gates, OR and Lollie (Noice) Whitney of Lyons, OR; half-brother, Doug Noice of Clyde, TX; mother-in-law, Mary Esther Marin of Clovis, NM; uncles and aunts, Fidel and Minnie Rivera of Pecos, NM, Cecilia and Hank Valdez of Pueblo, CO, Philip and Grace Rivera of Leadville, CO and Albert Rivera of Santa Fe, NM; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Lenny was preceded in death by brothers, Richard Gonzales and Eloy (Butchie) Gonzales, Jr.

Lenny and his twin brother, Kenny, were born Wednesday, January 11, 1950, in Bisbee, AZ, to Harold B. Noice, Jr. and Juliana M. Rivera. In 1953, Lenny and Kenny, along with their mother moved to Pecos, NM. They lived there until they graduated in 1968. Later that same year, they worked as loggers in Pecos. In 1969, they joined the USAF at Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB) as Jet Engine Mechanics. Lenny and Kenny served in Thailand and Cambodia during the Vietnam Era in 1973, and were in the Air Force Times newspaper as "Cannon Air Force Base Look-a-Likes." Because of this article, they were known throughout the Air Force world wide.

In November 1973, Lenny was honorably discharged from CAFB and shortly thereafter was hired by The Atchinson, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company (AT&SF) as a laborer. In May 1980, he was promoted to Locomotive Engineer. In July 1973, Lenny met Carla Marin who was also employed with the same AT&SF Railway Company in Clovis, NM. They were married in September 1975 and their only son, Lenny II, was born in August 1977. He was an employee of the BNSF Company (formally known as AT&SF) for 35 years.

Lenny loved radio-controlled cars, airplanes, gliders, and stunt kites. He was an avid sportsman, fisherman and a skilled photographer. Lenny loved camping, hiking, picking pinon nuts, exploring the Pecos wilderness on his 4-wheel ATV, and riding his Harley Davidson with his twin brother, Kenny; his wife, Carla; his son, Lenny II; and his nephews, Ken and Brian. He and Carla were members of the New Covenant Church.

Friends may visit French Mortuary, Wyoming Blvd. location Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 20, 21, and 22, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Services will be held on Friday January 23, 2009, 10:00 a.m., at the New Covenant Church, 7201 Paseo Del Norte, NE, Albuquerque, NM, with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Interment will follow at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Pallbearers will be his twin brother, Kenny Noice, and Lenny's closest friends, Bruce Defoor, Larry Griego, Ron Durant, Joseph Jaramillo, and Bob Hill. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Brad Mahan, Dr. Coy Little, Dr. Simeon Cook, Lynn Tarr, Herman Trujillo, Lee Kogel, Kenny Stillwell, Terry Miller, and Joe Marin.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Albuquerque Rescue Mission, 525 2nd St. Albuquerque, NM 87102 or Joy Junction, 320 Gold Ave. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Despite his innumerable abilities and accomplishments, Lenny was always humble, sensitive, affirming and loving. He was the epitome of the perfect father, husband, brother, son, friend and neighbor, leaving behind a vacuum that will never be filled. Lenny will forever be missed.

Please visit our online guestbook for Lenny at RememberTheirStory.com