

## Obituary

### GALE DONALD HELSER

Gale Donald Helser, 71, passed away peacefully on Feb. 7, 2018, in his home in Green Valley, AZ after losing his battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Diane (Behncke) nee Thompson, his sister, Karen Dyer (Wayne Dyer), his two children, Charity and Graham (Tammi), and his two step-children, Jessica Stevanovic, nee Behncke and Michael Behncke. He has five grandchildren, Joshua Pook, Jeni Fuchs, nee Pook (James Fuchs), M. Jerry Pook, Dylan Helser and Abigail Helser. He has one great grandchild, Liam Pook. He has two nieces, Holly Butler and Heather Jackson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeannette, nee Wyatt and Victor Helser.

As a Vietnam veteran, he was active in the 39th Engineer Battalion Alumni Association, the VFW, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Elks Lodge.

There will be a Celebration of Life held at the American Legion Post 66 in Green Valley, AZ on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 at 2 p.m. Future celebrations of life are planned to be held at the Elks Lodge #1661 in San Benito, TX sometime in April and the American Legion Post 534 in McFarland, WI on June 9th from 1:00-3:00p.m. He will be missed by his many friends in Green Valley, AZ, San Benito, TX and McFarland, WI.

He will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Donations can be made to his [caringbridge.org](http://caringbridge.org) site under Gale Helser.