



*David Dean Mankins*

**April 16, 1949 - Nov. 25, 2023**

David Dean Mankins, 74, of Morganton, NC, formerly of Grover Beach, California, passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at his home surrounded by family. He was born on April 16, 1949 to the late Harold Dean Mankins and Doris Mathews Mankins.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marlene Mintz Mankins; 2 children, William "Bill" Duggins (wife Rusti) and Jolene Duggins-Wyatt (husband Adrian).

Grandchildren: Charles, Ashley (Husband Lee), Nick, Brian, Jesseka, Rebecca and great granddaughters: Aila and Thea. He is also survived by his sisters (twin) Diana Farage, and Joanie Wineman (Husband Chris), numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A dedicated conservationist and advocate for second amendment rights- he was a lifetime member of the Arroyo Grande Sportsman Club and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and a current member of the Morganton Elks Lodge, having transferred from a Central Coast lodge.

An avid hunter - he took part in many big game hunts throughout the years; traveling to several states in the US and Africa. He shared his love of hunting and fishing with his son and grandchildren.

After retiring, Dave could be found on any of the California Central Coast Golf courses 2 or 3 times per week and then again when he joined the Silver Creek Golf Club after his move to Morganton.

Dave loved to grill for functions for the several service clubs he belonged to, and bbq'd for weddings of family and friends. He was a master craftsman and did various projects at home and around Central Coast Community for anyone that needed help on projects. Dave worked in and managed stores in the building material industry for most of his life.

Dave loved traveling to historical places and him and his wife Marlene took several trips abroad and throughout the U.S.

Burial will be held at Arroyo Grande Cemetery in Arroyo Grande, California. A memorial service in Morganton, NC at 2pm, Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to, The Hospitality House of Charlotte, 1400 Scott Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203, or AMOREM's Valdese Restricted Fund at [amoremsupport.org](http://amoremsupport.org)

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.