

Remembering Sunolian Dan Reasor [1949-2025]



Clifford Danny Reasor, a longtime resident of Sunol, California, was born on March 13, 1949, in Chico, California, and passed away peacefully at his home in Sunol on March 26, 2025. Dan was 76 years old.

Dan was raised in Paradise, CA, and then his family moved to Yuba City, where he graduated from Yuba City High School in 1967. After high school, Dan enlisted in the Air Force and became an Aircraft Mechanic working on F111 Aircraft. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

One of Dan's proudest accomplishments was, along with his Mom, supporting his younger brother, Evan Keith Reasor, to complete college, who went on to become a Medical Doctor and eventually a renowned brain surgeon. Dan's surviving relatives are Dr. Evan Reasor, his wife Julie, and their four children.

Two years into his military career, Dan married his childhood friend and high school sweetheart, Karen Janeen Lundin, in February of 1969. In November of that year, the couple gave birth to their only child, a daughter, Dawn Janeen Jones.

Dan was not very happy working on warplanes during the Vietnam War, knowing what purpose the aircraft would be used for, and he left the military in 1971. He moved his family to Nevada City, where he preferred to work outdoors. He worked summers in Mining and also began working for parks, which eventually led to a long career working for East Bay Regional Parks.

By 1974, Dan had become single. He wore his hair long, was anti-establishment, and, at the time, thought that smoking weed would solve the world's problems.

As an avid bicyclist, Dan rode from Canada to Florida on a bike ride that lasted a year and a half, which was one of Dan's most epic memories.

After a brief time in Florida, Dan moved back to Sacramento, CA, to be closer to his family members. Dan's Daughter Dawn enjoyed summers with her Dad outdoors, gardening, and being hosted to her Dad's amazing picnics, at which they foraged for food, made drinking cups out of orange peels, ate acorns and berries, and had tea parties on tree stumps.

Dan moved to Tracy, CA, and bought a Victorian House. He enjoyed improving the building, and he began working for East Bay Regional Parks at Del Valle. His Daughter Dawn fondly recalls spending Summers at Lake Del Valle and Windsurfing while her Dad worked during the day.

Dan once campaigned to save a dying tree in Pleasanton that was slated to be destroyed. Instead, Dan carved the tree into an image of a large flame. Woodworking was one of Dan's favorite pastimes.

Dan was a Preservationist and though he enjoyed the outside work, he was frequently frustrated by people who disrespected Nature. Preserving and teaching about Nature was important to Dan, and eventually, he left Tracy and moved to the Sunol Regional Park district house, where he worked at different parks, including Shadow Cliffs, Del Valle, and Sunol Regional Park.

Dan eventually bought a home in Downtown Sunol. He proudly served his community as a member of the Sunol Citizens Advisory Council and a volunteer for Friends of the Park, which develops and preserves Sunol Depot Gardens Park in Downtown Sunol.

Dan also enjoyed his 37-foot sailboat, which he sailed around the bay, to Santa Cruz, and to Oregon. Though he dreamed of sailing around the world, health problems prevented him from the long voyage. Camping, Rowing, and Cooking were also hobbies for Dan, and his Daughter Dawn said, "He made the best lemon chicken and Gumbo parties."

Dan greatly enjoyed his son-in-law, who married Dawn. The couple gave Dan a Granddaughter, Emma Janeen Jones, who is now 21 years old.

Dan's Daughter Dawn, his ex-wife Karen, his brother Evan, his wife and children, and

several longtime family and friends look forward to celebrating Dan's Life at Sunol Depot Gardens on Saturday, May 24, 2024.