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**BOBBY DEE HAZEN** ▼

August 16, 1937 - May 22, 2021

Bobby Dee Hazen, 83, passed peacefully May 22, in Apache Junction, AZ. A memorial gathering will begin at 12 p.m. at Thomas Hall at the Fair Grounds in What Cheer, June 12, 2021.

Burial will be held privately in the Humes Cemetery east of What Cheer. The family welcomes donations to the Todd Hazen Memorial Ball Field. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of What Cheer in charge of arrangements.

Bobby was born August 16, 1937 to Violet and Desear Hazen in What Cheer. Bobby served four years in the United States Navy and was very proud of the time he served his country.

Bobby married Carol Craff on April 18, 1964; they later divorced. He met Deana Jo Shull in 1985 and spent the next 36 years together. They made their home in What Cheer and spent winters in Arizona until 2002 when they made the move to Apache Junction permanent. Bobby spent his career working as a diesel mechanic and operator, allowing him to travel wherever the job would take him throughout the United States. He loved to go fishing any chance he got. He loved to play cards or maybe it was the thrill of trying to beat anyone at the game. He also enjoyed watching sports, especially the White Sox, Cubs and Diamondbacks. Baseball has always been a passion of his. He spent many summers umpiring games for the local kids. After his son Todd passed, Bobby & Carol purchased the existing ballpark and dedicated it in honor of their son. They wanted the land to always be used for ball games.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Deana Jo; daughter, Lisa Hazen of What Cheer; step-daughters, Georgette Dolan of Rochester MN; Deannette Shull of Pine Island MN; step-sons, Kevin (Lori) Shull of Oronoco MN; and Randall Shull of San Tan Valley AZ. Nick Hazen, who has always held a special place in his Grandpa's heart. 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, a niece and nephew. He is preceded in death by his parents, a son Todd, a daughter Lori, brother Jim and sister-in-law Pauline.