



## Jeffrey Von Beltz

November 19, 1948 - July 28, 2023

Jeffrey B. von Beltz, Army Sergeant Major and Silver Star and Bronze Star recipient, passed away on July 28, 2023. He passed away peacefully at home from prostate cancer due to Agent Orange exposure. He was surrounded by loved ones. He was a beloved father, devoted husband, and true American hero. He leaves behind a legacy of courage, dedication, and selflessness that will forever inspire those who knew him.

Jeffrey was born on November 19, 1948 in Oakland CA to Gabriel Delmas, Jr. and Patricia Campbell. When he was a young boy, he moved to Southern California where he fell in love with the beach and surfing. He became a self-taught surfer, water skier and snow skier. Pretty much anything that got his heart racing he was ready to do! He enjoyed these activities well into his golden years and got so much joy from them.

Drafted into the Vietnam War, Jeffrey answered the call of duty with unwavering resolve. He served with valor as a door gunner aboard a UH-1H lift helicopter during the Vietnam War as a Green Beret with the 101st Airborne Division. On July 11, 1970, he displayed extraordinary bravery, earning the prestigious Silver Star for gallantry in action. Jeffrey's aircraft came under hostile fire during an insertion mission, and he fearlessly engaged the enemy, ensuring the safe extraction of his comrades.

He graduated from CSU Northridge with a degree in Journalism. He went on to become the Managing Editor at the Big Bear Grizzly. He was a part of the Ski Writer's Association and wrote screenplays for shows such as M.A.S.H.

In his mid-40's he reenlisted in the Army where he spent 11 years as a Senior Maintenance Supervisor and 12 years as a Public Affairs NCO. In addition to the Silver Star, Jeffery's list of awards and decorations reads like a testament to his exceptional service to his country. His medals include the Bronze Star with Valor Device, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Valor Device, three Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and two Army Achievement Medals, among others. He was also recognized with the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star for his unwavering commitment to defending freedom.

To know him was to love him. He had this magical quality about him where he could calm a person's spirit during difficult times. He had the ability to ease someone's fears and replace them with a true knowing that things would be okay. He was the person that everyone always came to for life advice and guidance. He also had a wonderful sense of humor.

He is survived by the love of his life of 30 years, Carol von Beltz. His 3 children - Tiffany Miller and husband Chris, Chelsea Perez and husband Larry, and Max von Beltz and wife Kris; 2 stepchildren - Seth Clark and Amiee Clark and his 10 grandchildren – Maggie, Dominic, Nathan, Izzy, Dax, Ali, Sky, Manu, Otto and Nova.

He was greatly loved and admired by his family and friends, and he will be deeply missed by all.

# Previous Events

## Burial / Committal Service

OCT **13**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dad, I miss you and love you so much.

*Some of my favorite memories are of all the adventures we went on. From my first surfing experience wearing your wetsuit that was way too big for me, so you just put duct tape around the waist and told me I was good to go. Or the time we went skiing and I got stuck on the ski lift and instead of listening to you, I jumped 10 feet down (luckily there were no injuries). Or the time we got stuck in a dingy in 8-foot swells, but we finally made it to shore safely. I think you were the one that was always keeping me on my toes!*

*Watching you as Grumpa was such a joy. You were so great at corrupting your grandsons and teaching them some very interesting words. Those are still the fondest memories that they have with you. Mostly, the laughs you had and how you just gave them crap all the time.*

*I miss being able to pick up the phone to tell you all the amazing things your grandsons are doing. Or to ask you for advice on something that I am going through in life, you always knew what to say. Mainly, you would always just say, "relax everything will be okay".*

*Thanks for sending me the butterflies.*

*I love you Daddy-o. Bye, love you, bye.*



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Tiffany Miller - September 21, 2023 at 07:57 PM

CJ

“ Jeff,

*I found out about your passing from Bob Caswell. Had been out of touch for many years. I have had th pleasure of knowing for a good portion of my military career. You had a major impact on who I was as a Soldier, both as Enlisted and Commisioned.*

*The words of wisdom you shared with me I continue to pass along. They are good life lessons. In fact I referenced you just couple weeks ago.*

*Tho you are not here physically, you will continue to help build our future generations..*

*Thanks for the moments we shared. Know that you legacy will live on. Thanks again, now rest easy Soldier. "Doc" Jones CPT USA Ret*

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**CPT Jim jones** - September 17, 2023 at 10:08 PM

ST

“ *Jeff, you will be greatly missed. You were always there to give advice and mentorship. You were highly respected by subordinates, peers and leaders. I am truly blessed having known you, as you go through life you meet a lot of people, you're one of those people whose made a positive impact on me.*

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**Steve** - September 08, 2023 at 02:09 AM

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“ I have to start by saying that this is a perfect picture to have for Jeff. He had a GREAT sense of humor and clearly enjoyed life. I was shocked to hear of his passing as I had no idea that he was sick. But knowing the tough infantryman that he was, I have no doubt that he was "sucking it up" as much as he could.

I first met Jeff when I came back injured from Iraq to continue medical treatment from home and was sent to his National Guard unit in Benicia since I lived in Benicia. I was there from January to November 2005. We spent a lot of time talking about our pasts and I found out a lot about Jeff's interesting life. Like, for example, how he was from a famous acting family in Socal, that that his sister, who was an actor was in a serious car accident. He told me about his youth and love for surfing. How he was drafted into the Army and volunteered as a Paratrooper, finding himself sent to Vietnam to serve in the famous 101st Airborne Division. He let me know that his unit was on Hamburger Hill and when the battle was over, there were so few left in his company, that the company was dissolved, and he was sent to another assignment. For him, that meant to MAC-V SOG to perform long range reconnaissance with special operations. When his tour was up, he volunteered for an additional six months as a helicopter door gunner to get out of the Army sooner when he got home. He never once mentioned his valor awards. Back stateside he got married, had a family, went to college and his writing education and employment got him back in the Army in Psychological Operations. We had a lot to talk about as I was also an infantryman, had been airborne, and was in Civil Affairs, which is under the same command as PSYOP. I think that he found it funny that with his background, he was finishing up his career in a National Guard quartermaster unit. That said, he had a job to do and always did it to the airborne standard.

I can always thank him for showing me how space available travel worked through Travis AFB. He helped me plan a trip to Hawaii and gave me lots of info on the good places to stay. Bellows AFS became my favorite as I know it was one of his.

Once I left his unit, I would stop by and see him on the way to work to swap stories and catch up.

*I'm sorry that I lost touch with him after he retired. I saw though facebook that he was enjoying life with Hawaii travels and ski trips, and of course more time for his family.*

*I'm sure that he is looking down on all of us with a big smile and a feeling of fulfilment for a life well lived. He won't be forgotten. My sincerest sympathy for his family in this difficult time. Thanks, Jeff, your friend Mark Hunt*

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**Mark Alan Hunt** - September 07, 2023 at 06:38 PM

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“ *Rest easy Jeff. I will miss our talks, your words of wisdom and most of all your sense of humor.* ”



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**Rick Furtado** - September 07, 2023 at 04:54 PM

  
Chelsea  
Perez

“ *Love you so so much, Dad.* ”



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**Chelsea Perez** - September 07, 2023 at 10:45 AM