



## Michael Wayne Moore

May 7, 1953 - July 2, 2022

Michael Wayne Moore (69) of Houston, Texas, passed away July 2, 2022 at home with family by his side in Huntsville, Texas after a short battle with liver cancer.

He was born May 7, 1953 in Celina, Texas to Betty Jean Proffer and Eugene Shields. Given up for adoption at a very young age he was later adopted by Linden Cornelius Moore and Gracie Gessner Moore of Bushland, Texas. He was a troubled child after being placed in many foster homes along the way before his adoption, which led to his placement at Cal Farley's Boy Ranch in Boys Ranch, Texas. He attended school and learned many life lessons and skills during his stay there, at the age of 18 he graduated and left Cal Farley's. As many young men in his time, he enlisted in the service, serving for the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps.

He went on to earn his pilot's license and attended Texas A&M where he received a certification in Artificial Insemination. Through his life he held many different jobs, from working offshore, to running ranches, managing an exotic game ranch, and over the road truck driver where he went by the handle Gator which quickly became his nickname and what most people knew him by. While he was educated and skilled, he had the tendency to prefer a fast-paced life and constant change.

He is preceded in death by his birth and adopted parents, sister Debbie Barnhart, half brother Steve Whitten and son James Ray Moore. Those left behind to cherish his memories are his daughter Wendi (John) Collins,

Daughter in Law Dawn Moore, Sister Pamela (Ben) Coward, half siblings Deborah (Roger) Lemmons, Rhonda Melton, Darla Ross and Warren Proffer. 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, his precious aunt Linda, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" Psalm 34:18

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