



## Charles Louis Oates

July 21, 1950 - March 27, 2026

Charles Louis Oates, age 75 of Redmond, OR passed away on Friday, March 27, 2026 surrounded by family after losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife of over thirty years, Deborah Oates of Redmond, OR; Daughter, Deidra Keller of Braselton, GA; Son, Joshua Oates of Salem, OR; Eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; Sister, Charolotte Plutt; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Charles, better known as Charlie by his friends, Papa Chuck by his grandchildren or Uncle Chuck by his nieces and nephews, joined the Marines at a young age and deployed to Vietnam immediately after. He spent his entire life battling PTSD but also feeling like he was one of the “lucky” ones. He donated his Purple Heart to a Veterans Home for injured animals because he LOVED being surrounded by them. He also rode one of his re-built Harleys from his home in Redmond, OR to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC and back, to honor the friends he lost all those years ago. He truly enjoyed riding his Harley’s, listening to music, playing the guitar and hanging out with friends. He will be missed beyond measure. Memorial Service will be held at later date.

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Love you, Papa.



Lauren Hayde - April 14 at 07:11 PM



“ I wish you were here. Just the other day we were hunting for geckos outside at mom's physical therapy.



Riley Keller - April 14 at 03:27 PM

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riley keller - April 14 at 03:22 PM

DK

“ Missing you so much!

Deiadra Keller - April 14 at 01:40 PM

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**Deiadra Keller** - April 14 at 01:35 PM