

## Rene J. Van de Velde

June 21, 1935 - October 14, 2016

Rene J. Van de Velde of San Diego, California, died Friday, October 14, 2016, in Forrest City, Arkansas at the age of 81.

Rene was born in South Bend, Indiana on June 21, 1935 to George and Martha Van de Velde. He was an engineer for Cubic Corp in San Diego, California for 29 years. . There was no denying Rene was a perfectionist and we had no doubt of that, when he found and married the love of his life, Jo Ann Cozart in 1980 after meeting her on the Carnival Cruise, the Love Boat Cruise. They have been happily married for the last 36 years.

Rene was a firm believer in Jesus Christ and attended church regularly in Wynne, Arkansas and San Diego, California. Rene set aside time every morning to be in God's word. He loved the Lord, his family, his friends and he was loved by them in return. Rene was an avid sports fan, especially of Notre Dame. In earlier years, Rene was commonly mistaken for Ted Turner, Rene loved snow skiing, scuba diving, bowling, surfing, fishing and he was an amazing story teller. He took yearly fishing trips with friends to Lake Shasta for 30 years. He served many years on the Board of the Condo Association. He was a self-proclaimed statistician and worldwide traveler. Rene served his country in the U. S. Army, active service 1954 until 1956 and in the reserves until 1964.

Rene is survived by his wife Jo Ann of San Diego and Wynne, daughters, Sandi Lane of Ohio, Brenda Thiel of Florida and his sister, Alice Toth of South Bend, Indiana, two grandsons and six great grandchildren. Rene was preceded in death by his parents, George and Martha Van de Velde.

Visitation will be Monday, October 17, 2016 from 11 AM until 12 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home with services following at 12 PM. Burial will be in Arkansas State Veteran's Cemetery at Birdeye, Arkansas with nephews, Chris Futrell, Bill Reed and Craig Manley officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Veteran's Cemetery at Birdeye

Hwy 163  
Cherry Valley, AR  
(870) 588-4608

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Funeral service

OCT 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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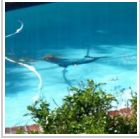
## Graveside service

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# Tribute Wall



“ You were a great friend. You gave me my first fishing pole. I will always remember you on the strand and at lake shasta. RIP old friend.

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**Matt Doyle** - February 23, 2018 at 12:56 AM

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“ Dear JoAnn, I am so sorry for your loss and sadness. But one thing for sure, you were loved as God said men should love their wives, and I know you loved him the same. My heart is still sad on one side and happy on another because of where he is now, what a glorious place to be. Your Dildine family, Jeanette, Carol, Terry, and I love you and would love to do anything for you. Rick, Mother and Dad are with him and I know he and Rick have been sharing funny stories. May God lesson your grief each day and and lean on Him when you are at your lowest.  
Love you  
Ann Dildine Branch

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**Ann Branch** - October 27, 2016 at 01:22 PM



“ Jo Ann, I was saddened to hear about the death of Rene and cannot imagine your heartache. I am thinking of you, Uncle Clay and all of your family. Wishing you peace and remembrance of the best times together.  
Love, Sam Franklin.



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**Samantha Franklin** - October 17, 2016 at 10:14 PM

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“ *The Family of Emad and Judy Manley-Mryyan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rene J. Van de Velde.*



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**The Family of Emad and Judy Manley-Mryyan** - October 17, 2016 at 09:39 AM

NW

“ *We are deeply sadden to hear of the passing of Rene. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to everyone. May you find peace in the beautiful memories he left with you. God Bless all of you and provide you comfort during this difficult time.*

*Nancy & John Winnicki*

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**Nancy Winnicki** - October 17, 2016 at 08:08 AM

DT

“ *Donald E Tessier purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rene J. Van de Velde.*



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**Donald E Tessier** - October 16, 2016 at 10:17 PM

CS

“ *Carl and Oreta Staggs purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rene J. Van de Velde.*



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**Carl and Oreta Staggs** - October 15, 2016 at 07:54 PM