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Eric Caldwell, age 79, passed away on January 27, 2026, in Minden, Nevada. Born on November 1, 1946, in El Centro, California, although he was a very private and proud man, set in his ways, Eric lived a life marked by service, dedication, and a joyful spirit that touched all who knew him.

Eric proudly served his country as a mechanic in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Known for his conscientious nature and tireless work ethic, he approached every task with care and precision. Whether maintaining aircraft or lending a hand wherever needed, Eric exemplified the values of duty and commitment throughout his military service.

Following his time in the Air Force, Eric embarked on a long and fulfilling career with the City of Palmdale. For over two decades, he worked in maintenance for Parks and Recreation, contributing to the community through his hands-on efforts to keep public spaces safe and welcoming. His role was more than just a job—it was an extension of his deep-rooted desire to serve others.

Eric was truly a man of many talents and trades. He loved Rugby, he played many years in that sport. And watched countless games wherever he could find them. But perhaps what made him most memorable was his embodiment of the Christmas spirit year-round. With his white beard and warm smile, he bore an uncanny resemblance to Santa Claus—a likeness he embraced wholeheartedly. Dressing up as Santa brought him immense joy, especially when it meant delighting children and spreading cheer among family and friends. To his grandchildren—and many others—he wasn't just like Santa; he was Santa.

He found great joy in bringing happiness to those around him during the holidays and beyond. His nieces and nephews, grandchildren Kaitlyn, Matthew, and Bailey, great-grandson Garrison—and two more great-grandchildren soon to arrive—were among those who cherished these magical moments with him. His daughter Wendy held a central place in his heart.



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Eric is also survived by his siblings: Rita, Eldon, Estelle, Edwina, Ronnie, and Roland. Each shared in the bond of family that remained strong throughout their lives.


A private ceremony for immediate family will be held at the Northern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date to honor Eric's memory with all who loved him.

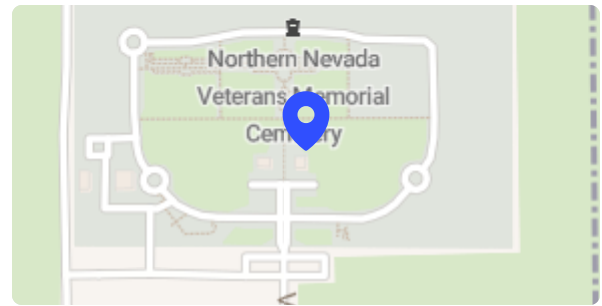
Eric Caldwell's legacy is one of generosity, hardworking service, and joy—a life well-lived that brought light to countless others. May Santa Eric's memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that you please send a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project, Saint Jude Children's Hospital, Toys for Tots, or your local Veterans Hospital.



Cemetery Details

 **Northern Nevada Veteran Cemetery**
14 Veteran's Way, Fernley NV 89408





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eric by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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