



Ira L. Flock

September 13, 1933 - August 26, 2018

1933-2018

Ira Lee Flock, age 84, of Belen, NM passed away on August 26th, 2018. He was born in Ellis, Oklahoma. Ira was always mechanically inclined and he chose the Air Force as his career. He proudly served in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and did with a short stint in Saudi Arabia. Although he was taken as a POW, it didn't stop him from courageously continuing his military career with bravery and honor. After his military career was over, Ira moved to Belen, NM with his wife Quyt Flock (deceased). Here he found a place where he could lay down roots. He opened a mechanics shop that he operated until age robbed him of the ability to do the work. Ira became a lifelong member of the Moose Lodge in 1976 and even served as its governor for a while, and he found friends that were with him throughout his life. He was also a lifetime member of the American Legion. He loved to hunt and fish, and when he could no longer participate in these activities due to his health, he turned his talented hands to woodworking. He taught himself how to make many things, his favorite being wooden whirly-gigs, and turning pens with a lathe. Ira lived a full life filled with love, friends, and family. He was preceded in death by Quyt Flock (wife), Mary Flock (daughter), Steven Flock (son), Charlie Flock (son), and Steven Richard Davis (grandson). Ira is survived by Ngoc Flock (wife), Patty Jo Smith (daughter), Toan Huynh (daughter), Tony Huynh (son-in-law), Ly Flock (daughter), William Flock (son), David Flock (son), Yevonne Flock

(daughter), Larry Willcockson (son-in-law), Truc Ly (daughter), Trang Nguyen (daughter), Karina Flock (daughter), Penny Flock (daughter), Terry Flock (daughter), and Robin Flock (daughter). He has 34 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel in Belen on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Visitation will be from 10-11, with a Celebration of Life to follow. Interment will take place immediately after at Terrace Grove. Pallbearers will be William Flock, David Flock, Tony Huynh, Larry Willcockson, Dylan Flock, and Derek Flock. Please sign Ira's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/92MKN7H83NB8JFP4>

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-8501
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net
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Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Interment

AUG **29**. 12:30 PM (MT)

Terrace Grove Cemetery
1200 W Aragon Rd
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *David Flock and family
We are so sorry for your loss. Mr Flock was a wonderful friend to our father John S. Aragon and to his family. He will be deeply missed Annette Benavidez, Rosalyn Chavez, and Karen Aragon*



Annette Aragon Benavidez - August 29, 2018 at 10:15 PM

CB

“ *I'm sorry I missed Mr. Flock's service. Hi to William and David from Mike and Johnny's mom, Connie Baca.*

Connie Baca - August 29, 2018 at 06:57 PM

MT

“ *Max And Mona Torres lit a candle in memory of Ira L. Flock*



Max and Mona Torres - August 29, 2018 at 12:48 PM

HC

“ *Human Resources Dept at Isleta Resort & Casino purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ira L. Flock.*



Human Resources Dept at Isleta Resort & Casino - August 28, 2018 at 02:29 PM

“ SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

Back in the early 80's, through a military friend of mine, I met Lee F. at the Moose lodge in Belen. It was then that he proclaimed to be a Soldier of Fortune. We got to talking about tour of duty in Vietnam. I found in our discussions that he had been places that I served at. Well, we lost contact with each some where in the 80's, when just last week I was called to a residence to service a pellet stove. I knew the name was familiar and sure enough it was my same Lee. I was in Vietnam in 1965-1966. Lee was there in 1968. I kid him that he is just a kid, him being three years younger than me, and here I am pushing 80.

You know a lot of folks get the wrong impression of soldiers of fortune, they visualize them as hard drinking, carousing individuals, perhaps that's true with some, as in every occupation. I have to somewhat disagree with that in Lee's case. I've found him as soft spoken, intelligent and a gentleman. Lee is a strong man, physically and with high moral standards. I would say, probably best not to antagonize him.

The question arises, how does one become a soldier of fortune? In Lee's case he was an US army soldier and when his tour of duty was up he was recommended by someone who was with the Department of Defense in the Johnson administration and was appointed by the man himself. Lee had to sign a contract and then became a Soldier of Fortune, working for the CIA. If you know about "Air America" in Vietnam you might know what I am talking about. Lee cannot reveal his kind of work that he was actually involved in. However, at one point he was captured by the North Vietnamese and was left for dead, so that tells us that he wasn't a pencil pusher. He was found in a rice paddy with others who were really dead. Consequently the ARVIN troops retook the area and, by the grace of God he survived. Perhaps the N. Viet soldier who clubbed him with a grenade launcher held back from breaking his neck. Back during those days there was not much humor, occasionally some did come fourth such as that the Vietnamese were convinced that our black troops had been injected with dye to become night

fighters, then there was, propeller wash, pigeon milk and left handed monkey wrenches.
Another thing remembered is Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. The beer was canned before the advent of aluminum cans and had antique rust on them. We suspect WWII vintage? Ug.

Gene Nall

Gene Nall - August 28, 2018 at 12:42 PM

JP

“ *Jim and Yvonne Parrish purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Ira L. Flock.*



Jim and Yvonne Parrish - August 28, 2018 at 10:58 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in
memory of Ira L. Flock*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 27, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ We are going to miss you Dad and Grandpa so many memories but we know u are watching over us from heaven fly high love you your daughter Patty Jo



Patty Smith - August 27, 2018 at 07:17 PM