

## **Neil Simonsen, 59**

**July 18, 1950 - March 29, 2010**

**WILLIS, TX** — Neil Bradley Simonsen, 59, of Willis, TX, passed away in his home on March 29, 2010. Neil was born July 18, 1950, in Council Bluffs, to Egon and Alice Simonsen. He was raised in Elk Horn, graduating from Elk Horn High School in 1968. Neil was honorably discharged as a Sergeant after service with the Colorado and Iowa Army National Guards, before moving to Texas.

Neil married Julie Bell in Willis, TX, in 1981. Together for 19 years, they raised two children. He worked at Gulf States Utilities Company for 18 years before becoming a self-employed business owner for the next 14 years. One of the founding members of the Cut-N-Shoot Harley Owners Group, he was also a proud member of American Legion Post 618, he enjoyed NASCAR (3), John Wayne, reading, country music, Lone Star and his association with many friends in Texas and Iowa.

Neil was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Simonsen. He is survived by his daughter, Kacy Simonsen, and grandson, Cody Simonsen, of Topeka, KS; his son, Dane Simonsen, of Manhattan, KS; father, Egon Simonsen, of Elk Horn; older brother, Steve Simonsen and family, of Omaha, NE; younger sister, Jana Boettger and family, of Harlan. There will be a graveside service at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, April 17, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. with lunch following.

