



Joel Armison

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Joel Armison, 80 of Palm Desert, California passed away at his home on December 3rd, 2025. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965. Upon completion of his training, Joel was assigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam as a Combat Engineer. He returned stateside in 1968 and was honorably discharged from active duty. Among his awards and decorations are the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Parachutist's Badge. Following his military service, Joel worked as a glazier and in construction before becoming a California State Correctional Officer. He is survived by his son, Jason. Funeral services are planned for later this spring in Filmore, New York.

Joel Keith Armison

July 12, 1945 – December 3, 2025

Age 80

Palm Desert, California

5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Vietnam

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Joel Keith Armison, 80, of Palm Desert, California, passed away at home on December 3, 2025.

Born on July 12, 1945, in Fillmore, New York, Joel was the son of DeVere and Estella Armison, who preceded him in death. At the age of eight, he moved with his family to California and graduated from Santa Ana Valley High School in Orange County in 1963.

In 1965, Joel enlisted in the United States Army. After completing his training, he volunteered for Special Forces and served as a Combat Engineer with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. His military awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Parachutist's Badge. He was honorably discharged in 1968.

Following his military service, Joel returned to California, where he worked as a glazier and in construction before beginning a long career as a California State Correctional Officer, from which he later retired. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling, spending time with family, and living in Palm Desert.

Joel was married to Rebecca Sue Hardin for ten years, and together they had one son, Jason.

He is survived by his son, Jason Armison, and daughter-in-law, Diana Armison; his sisters, Dale Edsall, Amy Anthony, and Debra Hoffman; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Vernon ("Charlie") Armison, and his sister, Fern Kauffroath-Duncan.

Funeral services will be held in the spring of 2026 in Fillmore, New York. His ashes will be laid to rest with military honors at Pine Grove Cemetery.



