

**William “Dean” Waggoner Jr.** was born May 28, 1952 in Calexico, California to William Dean Waggoner, Sr. and Pauline Juanita Denton. Dean attended elementary school in Oceanside and as a young child moved to Claimont where he graduated from high school. Dean joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Hawaii and Japan.

In 1985, Dean married Teressa (Tammy) Michel. Their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary would have been this year. Their daughter, Ashley was born in 1986 and grandson, Victor (Dean’s pride and joy) was born in 2006. Dean devoted himself to helping raise nine nieces and nephews plus many other young people through his lifetime. Dean’s first priority was family.

In 1993, Dean moved to the Julian area and began working at the Julian Pie Company. For sixteen and a half years, he was a devoted, loyal employee and was committed to maintaining the high standards of the company. Dean was respected and considered a cornerstone of the company.

Dean was preceded in death by his mother when he was 18 years old, his father following Dean’s discharge from the military, and sister, Donna (age three) and had a second sister, Linda Pollock. Dean died on January 8, 2010 following a lengthy illness. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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### **Gone Home**

*By Tim Smothers*

16 years he was always there,  
4 a.m. and not a care.  
Lights on ovens too,  
baking pies for me and you.

Full of life but far from grace,  
You could see where he’d been by the lines on his face.  
Loved his grandkid and his family too,  
A provider for all till his time came due.

He will be missed I’ve feared his loss,  
But he gave us the skills to bare that cross.  
What a soulful cat, I’ll give him that,  
took one last swing with his mighty bat.

Like the aroma he’s drifted away,  
to that special place to stay.  
The lights are off and he’s gone home,  
but he’ll always be round here to roam.

### **Celebration of Life**

**January 19, 2010**

**Community United Methodist Church**

**Officiated by: - Tim Smothers**

**Memories – Friends and Family**

**Prayer – Keith Smothers**

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### **A Poem for Uncle Dean**

*By his nephew – Nicholas Napier*

God saw that he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around him,  
And whispered “Come home with me”.  
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
A determined spirit is at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.



**William “Dean” Waggoner**

May 28, 1957 - January 8, 2010

*~ Forever in our thoughts ~*