

## Dr. Bruce Michael Beckler

June 28, 1953 – July 28, 2004



Fair Oaks, California – Dr. Bruce M. Beckler, age 51, entered eternal rest on July 29, 2004 surrounded by family and friends after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his beloved daughter, Kendra Kaye; parents, Mortimer and Alma; brother, William; sister-in-law, Rita; niece, Brenda; nephews, Billie and Thomas; along with his many friends in California who became his west coast family.

Born in Lewiston, Maine on June 28, 1953, Bruce dedicated his life to serving his country and helping others. He served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Intelligence Corps and was a Sergeant in the 490<sup>th</sup> and 445<sup>th</sup> Strategic Military Intelligence Detachment of the U.S. Army Reserve. He graduated summa cum laude from Indiana University with degrees in both Public Administration and Criminal Justice. He also obtained a Master of Arts in Forensic Science and a Juris Doctorate Degree in Law. He had a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, was licensed to practice law in the State of Indiana, had a lifetime California Community College Teaching Credential, and was certified to teach over 30 California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) classes.

Although his life was shortened by illness, Bruce was an accomplished man. He started his career as an attorney in Bloomington, Indiana, and then became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For many years, Bruce was the Assistant Dean/Director of Napa Valley College Criminal Justice Training Center where he supervised all POST law enforcement training. He was the Dean/Director of the Sacramento Regional Public Safety Center for Los Rios Community College District, which provides both correctional and law enforcement training. Bruce then became a Deputy Inspector General with the Office of the Inspector General where he assisted with policy development, trained staff in the use of firearms, and conducted internal affairs investigations. Bruce was a reserve peace officer at Suisun City Police Department and he also was a licensed private investigator. When he wasn't working, Bruce's favorite leisure activity was to play golf with his friends.

After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Bruce turned to writing. He became a partner in a publishing company and most notable of the books he has written is the *California Internal Affairs Investigations* handbook.

Memorial services will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19, 2004 at the Folsom Veterans Hall, 1300 Forrest Street, Folsom, CA. Remembrances may be made to Roseville Sutter VNA and Hospice, 1836 Sierra Gardens, Suite 130, Roseville, CA 95661.