



Lt. Col. Orville Rex Kartchner

October 19, 1933 - December 5, 2024

Lt. Col Orville Rex Kartchner, a distinguished member of the United States Marine Corps, passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the age of 91.

There will be a Graveside Service at South Park Cemetery with Military Honors on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 10 am with Tim Arlett officiating. Rex was a resident of Roswell, New Mexico. Rex was born on October 19, 1933, in Scottsdale, Arizona to Melvin and Gertrude Kartchner.

Rex's military service was distinguished by several notable achievements. He served as a commanding officer of the Force Reconnaissance Company in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star for Valor. As a Lieutenant Colonel, he commanded the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, of the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune. His battalion represented the Marine Corps during the bicentennial celebrations in New York Harbor as seen in the photo.

Rex is survived by his daughters Amanda Zlotkin, Jaqueline Benet and his stepson Randall Morrow.