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### **Jake Alarid, a veteran's veteran died Monday May 3, 2021 at age 87**

By Patrick Alarid

My dad, Jake, passed away yesterday, May 3rd, at the age of 87. He was an accomplished, passionate and very generous husband and father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He loved to play golf, fish in the mountains, watch USC football, travel and do so many things with family. He was a US Marine always, a retired aeronautical engineer who worked on the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs. He was an advocate for veterans and education as National and State Commander of the American GI Forum. Although long retired, he owned a tax business.

He also did the little things. He was my Boy Scout leader, baseball coach, my sisters' softball coach; he took our family on great vacations to see the West and to camp in Yosemite, Yellowstone, to see big trees in Sequoia, the caves of Carlsbad, a cruise in Alaska, and he took us to northern New Mexico where he was raised with his large family. He loved his family, all of you; his last conscious words were text to us because he had a breathing mask on. It was "LOVE YOU ALL" in caps. He loved his faith, his country and his family. And he loved people.

After services at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Whittier, California, my dad will be buried at the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Please keep my dad and mom and family in your thoughts and prayers. To all my friends who my dad took camping and fishing, keep the memories. Talk about them. To family and friends, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

Rest In Peace Dad.

**"Education is our freedom and freedom should be everybody's business"**