

**Dennis Firebaugh, 71-**

July 11, 1944 - June 12, 2016

**TUCSON, AZ** — Dennis D. Firebaugh was born July 11, 1944 and raised in Harlan. He attended high school in Imperial Beach, CA. He earned a BA and Masters Degrees at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. Mr. Firebaugh spent more than 30 years as a history and political science educator in Washington state and Arizona. He was, for most of his adult life, an avid bow and arrow hunter taking numerous bears, deer and other game.



He enjoyed black powder and old west style shooting competitions. In old age, he was a fresh water (and deep sea) fisherman. From their homes in the Tucson foothills and the Lake House in Northern California, Dennis and his wife, Eileen Luna-Firebaugh, traveled widely in the United States, Europe, Canada, Africa and Mexico. Together, they, taught, evaluated and designed systems of civilian oversight of police for various American cities.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon Dale Firebaugh (1945) and Dorothy Mae (Gray) Firebaugh (2003). He is survived by his wife, and high school sweetheart, University of Arizona Professor Emeritus of Indian law and policy, Eileen M. Luna-Firebaugh; his son, Geoffrey Burke Firebaugh, former daughter-in-law Melissa and grandchildren George, Gus, Gracie Firebaugh. He was their "Poppa" to Katie Luna's children, Sean and Erin Luna. Other survivors include stepchildren Anne Luna and Jeremy Luna of San Francisco Bay area in California.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Iglesia Pentecostal del Nombre de Jesus, 30 W 37th St, Tucson, AZ 85713. Arrangements by Desert Rose Heather Cremation & Burial.

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