"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." These words by Robert Louis Stevenson were lived and followed each day by Ronald Allen Flint, Ph.D., BCBA-D, who passed away in Lubbock on Friday, November 18, 2011 at the age of 68. He was born on April 24, 1943 in Onawa, Iowa to Vail and Carol Flint. He attended school in Buena Vista, Colo. before enlisting in the U.S. Marines. Ron served in Laos in 1961 prior to the United States entry into Vietnam. After losing his left leg in war and being honorably discharged, he returned back home and attended Colorado State University, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Ron continued his education, earning his Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of New Mexico. He taught at Winona State University in Minnesota for seven years before moving to Riverside, Calif. While there, his work included Goodwill Industries and the Juvenile Probation Department. During the early 1990's Ron spent eighteen months sailing the Sea of Cortez. He then returned to Colorado to help care for his parents and work at Otero County Social Services in La Junta, Colorado. From 2005 to 2007 he enjoyed retirements in Comstock, Texas near Lake Amistad. Upon moving to Lubbock, Ron currently worked for the Lubbock State Supported Living Center as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Ron married Laura Polk on May 22, 2003 in Trinidad, Colorado. Together they had a love for animals. He was known to rescue and take in any animal in need. Their beloved animals include five cats, Little Kitty, Goldie, Taboo, Gizmo and Stripe; ten dogs, Belle Starr, Cat Ballou, Pearl Hart, Ann Parker, Minnie Hollow Wood, Lady Diana, Brazos, Red,
Pecos, and Missouri Guadalupe Llano; a parrot, Merlin; a donkey, Dapple; and a horse, Midnight.
Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Laura; sister, LaDonna Pierce of Buena Vista, Colo.; son, Richard Carl Flint of Seaside, Ore.; daughter, Teri Doerr of Ft. Worth; aunt, Evelyn Maberry of Iowa; many cousins; the many people he served at the living center; and his many colleagues in Colorado and Texas. Ron was greatly loved and in turn he very much loved all of you.
Ron was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Lisa Jean DeLaurante in 2008.
Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2011 in the Lubbock State Supported Living Center Chapel, 3401 N. University.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lubbock State Supported Living Center Volunteer Services, 3401 N. University, Lubbock, TX 79401 or Gypsy Heart Horse Rescue, PO Box 971, Lubbock, TX 79408.
"Goodnight Sweet Prince."