



Adeline Mary Cardoza

May 28, 1925 - November 19, 2020

Always looking for a new adventure, Adeline Cardoza passed away peacefully at the Madrone Hospice just at midnight, November 19, 2020.

Adeline was born Adeline Klinkhammer to Joseph and Christine Klinkhammer. Adeline was the oldest girl in a family of ten children. Against the tumultuous backdrop of the Great Depression and World War II, Adeline finished high school and left North Dakota by train to look for work and a new life in Chicago, Washington DC and ultimately San Francisco. Adeline found work running the till at a small electrical shop in Centerville, California. The shop owner introduced Adeline to a friend and customer, Frank Cardoza, who had a small farm up the road and more importantly, a small airplane. The farm provided the work, the airplane provided the adventure. Frank and Adeline were married and in time had children, Jeanne and Frank Jr.

With changes in the bay area from a rural to urban environment the young family decided to relocate in the mountains of Siskiyou County to raise cattle and hay. They arrived in late fall 1956 to a record cold winter. Frank was ready to return to the bay area, but Adeline pointed out that there were other places (say, North Dakota?) that were a lot colder. Adeline and Frank and the kids went on to ranch in the county for more than sixty years. Frank Sr. passed away in 2003, but the family continues raising cattle and hay today.

As time passed Adeline helped Jeanne and Frank Jr. finish college and then went to school herself, earning an AA degree and an offer to work for College of the Siskiyou as a Library Technician. Adeline worked for the College for 23 years and retired in 1990. Returning to the adventurous side, Adeline began to travel the world, back packing in Europe, and visiting several countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. At the age of 58 Adeline climbed and summited Mt. Shasta with Abner Weed and returned safely to tell the tale.

Adeline is survived by her daughter, Jeanette Eiler (John,) of Montague, son, Frank Cardoza, of Montague, granddaughter, Kristin (L J) of Montague, great-granddaughter, Kendra of Montague, brother, John , sisters Mary Jo and Kathy, and numerous nieces and nephews including the very special Cheryl, Christy and Janelle.

Those who wish to donate in Adeline's memory are encouraged to consider Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097 or Holy Family Catholic Church 1051 North Davis Ave. Weed, CA 96094.

Due to the Covid-19 requirements, services will be limited to visitation and viewing at Girdner Funeral Chapel, 202 S Oregon St, Yreka from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2020. Attendance will be monitored and regulated, if necessary. A short graveside ceremony with Adeline being laid to rest will be held Friday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. at the family plot in Winema Cemetery, Weed, California. Dress accordingly for winter weather.

A mass of Christian Burial will be said at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Frank, so sorry for your loss. I'm certain she was a Great Woman, you are her Son 💖 Sincere Condolences to you and the entire Family.

Kim Len - November 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Unafraid in the corral breaking up a bullfight or preparing a Christmas feast for three or four families, Adeline was a larger than life presence for both the creatures and the relatives. Her capacity for taking in strays, friends, and family benefitted us all as she made us all part of her home. Her love for Frank was a wonder to behold, along with her love of the land that encompassed the ranch. That love became a gift for all who witnessed it. We will forever keep our memories with her in our hearts. Sincerely, Her loving niece Jeannell, and family, Paul, Brook, Mackenzie, and George Wyntergreen

Jeannell and Paul Wyntergreen - November 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ We first met Frank and Adeline at Torch and Pat Carters in 1974 at the Holiday meals. Over the years we got to know them more through our friendship with John and Jeanne. Her gardens were amazing. Her love for horses was evident enjoying riding with Jeanie and Kristen which influenced Kendra too. As a couple these two farmers were a team. As the matriarch Adeline was the key to keep the farm going. Praying for each member of this family. Love the Gary Preszler Family

Kathy Preszler - November 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM