



Albert Hintz

August 2, 1933 - January 21, 2019

Albert Hintz, born on August 2nd, 1933 in Marienfeld Bessarabia Romania, peacefully passed away at 10:18 PM on January 21st, 2019 in his shop with his dogs and family by his side. There will be a public service for him on Saturday January 26th, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Fort Jones Cemetery, followed by a gathering at "The Shop" (2913 North Kidder Creek Rd. Greenview, CA 96037). It will be a potluck and anyone who wants to bring a dish is welcome.

He and his family moved to the United States at the beginning of the 1950's after trekking through inhospitable territories during World War II and working farms and odd jobs, until they were sponsored by a church in Durham CA to book passage on a ship. He started work on a dairy farm and learned English by listening to the radio while milking cows. After a year or two's time, he started work as a carpenter for various companies, honing and displaying his proficiency with wood and crafting materials.

He was great patriot, often recounting the day he became an American citizen as one the proudest days of his life and quoting "America is the greatest country in the world". He flew an American flag on every land he ever owned.

In 1954, he met a young, black haired, Joycelyn Moore in Chico, with whom he courted and fell in love. They were married August 13th, 1955, before moving to Sacramento. They started a family with the birth of their daughter,

Darla Jean Hintz, on June 1st, 1956, and then their son Dennis Richard Hintz on January 14th, 1960. Starting in the later years of the 1950's, Al worked as a contractor, building track houses, one of which is now owned by his own grandson, Levi Miller.

In 1968 Al and Joycelyn bought 20 acres of land out of Lincoln CA, where the family and a few friends helped to build a home brick by brick. He always built the family homes. In this house he lived for over thirty years, in which time he had continued as a contractor, owned his own cabinet business, door business, raised Brangus cattle, and formed his prize commercial bee business, A&D Bees, with his son Dennis in 1976.

He retired from professional bee keeping in 2002 and moved to Fort Jones, where he built a wood shop and saw mill, making lumber for a variety of projects, primarily bee boxes. He still continued his passion for bee keeping but with only a few beehives, selling local, wonderful, star thistle honey and continuing to share his vast knowledge and experience with others.

He was the master of every craft he chose to work, but wanted to be best known as a bee keeper. While he will be forever missed by all who knew him, his family credits him with giving them the integrity and fortitude to do his memory justice, concluding his work here on Earth.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jones Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Fort Jones, CA 96032

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 26. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ As I sit here in my home I am surrounded by a variety of furniture pieces created using wood that was milled by Al in his shop. He was a very generous man; both with knowledge and materials. He always seemed to delight in the photos and descriptions I shared of the furniture pieces I'd created with the cherry, claro walnut, madrone, and oak wood he'd milled. He appreciated the result of his work having created such beautiful furniture like a parent proud of his children. Al was clearly an artist and technician rolled into one; this was evident in the perfection of his ubiquitous bee boxes. Some things cannot be taught and it's clear that Al had a knack for creating things with his hands long-since learned with many years of experience. I'll miss visiting him in his shop and listening to his advice and stories. He lived a full life; with many friends and family, journeying through a myriad of challenges and discoveries, and left many who knew him richer for the experience of sharing time with him. Thank you, Al. You'll be missed. Ed A.

Ed A. - January 26, 2019 at 10:08 PM

LD

“ I had a few memories of Albert, Joyce, Darla and Dennis but the one that stands out most in my mind was the year the family decided to visit us in Calgary, Alberta. Al could never sit still so he decided to build a row boat for cousins, Art and Eric. We had that row boat for many years, not sure if the boys ever took it out but it was a great gift from Al. Another memory is when Bob and I and our children went to visit them in Lincoln. The kids loved the peacocks and Bob enjoyed Al's tour of the bee hives. Rest in peace Al. Linda and Bob Davey

Linda Stumm Davey - January 26, 2019 at 06:32 PM

RG

“ we will sure miss Al. He represents what freedom can accomplish when someone loves it enough to risk their life for it. He gave me good solid advice (and some strong correction) about beekeeping, but what i will treasure the most are the visits we had about spiritual matters, we both agreed God is good!

rick george - January 26, 2019 at 02:38 PM

AT

“ I am so sorry I didnt know Mr Hintz until the Christmas craft fair in Fort Jones this year and we had a lovely visit.. Yes I bought Honey.How could I not? The Lords blessing on you all.

Ann Tozier - January 23, 2019 at 07:12 PM