



Anthony Joseph Diaz

January 27, 1937 - May 15, 2018

Longtime Montague rancher Anthony Joseph “Tony” Diaz passed away on May 15, 2018 at his home in Montague. He was 81 years old.

Tony was born on January 27, 1937 in San Luis Obispo to Frank and Rose Diaz. On April 16, 1966, he married Laura Wild. The couple ranched in Santa Margarita prior to moving to Siskiyou County where they formed and operated Atascadero Ranches in Montague. In their spare time, Tony and Laura enjoyed ocean fishing off of the Oregon Coast. Tony also enjoyed landscaping. Tony was a member of the Yreka Elks Lodge 1980 BPOE, and a Fourth Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.

Tony is survived by four children: Rosemary Gray (Bert) of Keno, Oregon, Shasta Schnittker (Tony Jimenez) of Montague and Rick (Susan) and David Diaz, both of Atascadero; a sister, Pauline Ward (Cecil) of Santa Maria; six grandchildren: Kelly, Debbie, Dena, Maria, Dalton and Journey; and four great grandchildren. Tony was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Diaz in 1966; his wife of 46 years, Laura Diaz in 2012; a brother, Frank Diaz, and two sisters, Rose Marie and Josephine Diaz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be said on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, with interment to follow at St. Joseph’s

Catholic Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Yreka, CA 96097

Previous Events

Mass of the Christian Burial

MAY **24**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
314 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall



“ *May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences. Carrie Carpenter and family.*

Carrie Carpenter - May 22, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *When we bought the old Betts ranch house in 1993, we shared fences with Tony's winter range for his cattle. What a fine man he was, so kind and welcoming. Always willing to help us and inviting us to his home for cookouts. Then there was the time he asked Ernie to help him pull a big calf from a laboring cow. They ended up on their backs, on the ground, each pulling with all their might on the chain. Ernie with his long legs and Tony with his short ones braced against the cow. The cow standing on three legs. The calf was huge...when it hit the ground, it just laid there. Then, it stirred and mama cow started licking it. Ernie said, "Im a Dad!" Tony loved his cattle, his family and friends and we were privileged to know him. Ernie and Mary Ann Neveu*

Ernie and Mary Ann Neveu - May 21, 2018 at 11:32 AM