



## Blair Smith

May 19, 1922 - January 2, 2018

Blair Smith passed away on January 2, 2018 in Yreka. He was 95 years old.

Blair was born on May 19, 1922 in Ross, California. He grew up in rural Marin County, and went to school at College of Pacific in Stockton. Blair married Patricia Lee in 1942. He was very proud they were married for 75 years.

Blair joined the U.S. Navy shortly after they were married. After World War II was over, he embarked on his dream of being a cowboy and owning a ranch. The family came to Siskiyou County in 1950 to manage the SS ranch in Hilt. In 1956, Blair and a partner leased the A.P. Cattle Company near Callahan from Carl McConnell. This was a big range that went from the head of Moffett Creek to Toad Lake, and Fawn Creek above what is now Lake Siskiyou. In the center of the range was the Bear Creek Cabin, which was a welcome sight after long days in the saddle. In 1961, he and Pat purchased the O'Connor Ranch in Little Shasta, and finally owned their own ranch.

From 1968 thru 1970 Blair served as President of the California Cattlemen's Association. Blair was very involved in the Montague Junior Rodeo, and served as the announcer for 20 years. He became an approved horse show judge, and judged big shows throughout the western states and Canada. In 1976 he was chosen as the California Livestock Man of the Year at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. He served on numerous boards through the years,

including being the Board Chairman of the Farm Credit Banks of Sacramento, and Tri-State Livestock Credit Corporation.

Blair loved all the rituals of ranching...the brandings in the spring, the cattle drives to the high mountains in early summer, and the roundup in the fall. In the fall, the cattle buyers would come through the country to fill their orders. He took great pride in knowing what the cattle market was, and might be. He saw great changes in agriculture in his lifetime. He lived a long, full life, and lived the life he wanted.

Blair is survived by his wife, Pat, and four sons: Lee (Tracy), Roy (Cindy), Reg (Pam) and Keith; three granddaughters: Melanie (Jorge), Jenny (Trot) and Jada; five grandsons: Lyle (Jill), Logan (Tammy), Tyler (Tina), Sean and Brice; as well as numerous great grandchildren.

Per his wishes, no services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097 or a charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Blair Smith.*



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January 12, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. So very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to all ❤️ 🙏. Sincerely Marsha Farley*



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**Marsha Farley** - January 10, 2018 at 12:22 AM



“ *I'm a member of Shasta Co. CW. My daughter Jill sold veterinary medicine to Blair years ago and always commented on what a great fellow Blair was. He brings warmth and friendship from his heart to us whenever we see him. So sorry for your loss but he will always be with you and us in our hearts. Geneva Drinkwater.*

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**Geneva Drinkwater Toms** - January 09, 2018 at 10:39 PM

LB

“ Blair was a forward thinking cattleman who contributed a great deal to our industry. He was always friendly and courteous to Mike and me and was a fixture at conventions and other SCCA-SCCW events. We will miss him. Our love to Pat and all the family.

Lynne Bryan

Lynne Bryan - January 09, 2018 at 10:12 AM

 Vicki Currie

“ So sorry for your loss...



Vicki Currie - January 08, 2018 at 11:15 PM

CT

Blair was always a gentleman, We enjoyed our visits with him and Pat when we brought up his bulls to the ranch. Blair got to go down to the corrals and see the bulls before Keith took them over to be branded this fall. He was always so complimentary. He judged Quarter Horse Shows that my first husband Jim used to show in Sonoma County when we were teenagers. This last time this fall I knew we wouldn't see him again. Pat and your family, we will sincerely miss Blair and our thoughts and prayers to all of you. God Bless, Cathy Bjornestad- Tobin

Cathy C Tobin - January 10, 2018 at 12:11 AM

KS

So sorry for your loss. Blessings to the Smith family.

Karen Simas - January 11, 2018 at 07:31 PM

GT

Thoughts and prayers to Blair's family. So sorry for your loss.

Georgia Toms - January 11, 2018 at 10:29 PM