



Cal Matthew Yaley

June 5, 1960 - June 29, 2019

Cal Matthew Yaley, a 59 year old Yreka resident, passed away unexpectedly on June 29, 2019 at his residence in Yreka. Cal would want it said that he made it to 60 in spirit.

Cal was born on June 5, 1960 in San Francisco to Michael and Theodora Yaley. He joined his two siblings, Michael Joseph Yaley Jr. and Theodore Reginald Yaley. Cal was, from a young age, a creative genius with spitting image looks of Tom Cruise. Raised in the Bay Area, graduated from Mt. Shasta High School, Cal had a perfect smile, a charismatic, dynamic, and attractive personality, and was always popular with the ladies, whom he treated very well, and respectfully. His phone would often ring off the hook. Cal's IQ topped the charts, and he had a photographic memory. After a stint in the U.S. Army, where Cal was recognized as a marksman, he spent time in the early beginnings of the computer industry around Silicon Valley.

Cal was an expert motorcyclist. He loved superfast Kawasaki bikes with no limitations. Cal, simply put, was hell on wheels. Nicolas Cage in "Ghost Rider" had nothing on Cal. Cal was not afraid of anything or anyone. Cal lived in Siskiyou County the past 30 years. He knew no strangers, and though he was private and quiet, Cal was a friend to everyone. Cal was perhaps the most polite person that anyone could come across. He was the best son that parents could ask for, and the best brother any sibling could have.

Cal is preceded in death by his father, Michael Joseph Yaley Sr. and a brother, Theodore Reginald Yaley. He is survived by his mother, Theodora Tillman of Mt. Shasta and brother, Michael Joseph Yaley, Jr. Cal kept the faith and believed in God. He will be greatly missed, and his spirit will always be around. Cal was a Prince on earth, and now Cal is a Prince in heaven.

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“ I met Cal after I took over Bella Art Works. He would stop by and ask to do odd jobs. I made a deal with him that I would have work for him every Friday. He was one of the best "employees" ever. He would show up like clock work on Fridays unless he wasn't feeling well. He would even call to see if it was still "ok" to work or if he "still had a job" when he was unable to come for extended periods of time. I can honestly say he was one of the sweetest, gentlest, most genuine people I have had the pleasure of knowing. He will be greatly missed. Thanks for sharing your smile Cal. It was an honor to have known you.

Talya Nicholson - July 29, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ Cal was such a gentle soul. Always so kind and caring- Loved his shy smile, it could light up a cloudy day - I would often see him doing little odd jobs around town-he would always say hello- May he rest in peace-

Berta Salazar-Hagerty - July 03, 2019 at 10:05 PM