



## Coy Carrol James

May 17, 1931 - April 2, 2021

Our beloved Papa, Coy Carrol James, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on April 2nd, 2021 at the age of 89 years old. Coy was born in Clyde, Texas on May 17th, 1931. He was one of 8 children (6 brothers and 1 sister). His family moved to Pittsburg, California in the 40's when Coy was 14 years old. It didn't take him long to find his life-long sweetheart, Betty Jean Arnold. They were married on March 17th, 1951 in Martinez, California. Together, they just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary!

Three blessings came in their first decade of marriage, their children: Coy Davis, Bonnie Jean, and Philip Wayne. While his children were young, Coy worked several different jobs in the Bay Area including a job at Camp Stoneman as a heavy equipment operator, the steel mill in Pittsburg, and Shell Oil Company where he did training as an electrician.

In 1962 Coy and Betty moved their family to Weed, California where they could be near the mountains and enjoy life in the country. Coy loved to ride and raise horses, hunt, and fish. In Siskiyou County he worked for International Paper Company, drove logging and cattle trucks, and finished his career working 21 years for CalTrans, where he retired in 1989. After retirement Coy took deep pride in the upkeep of his family homestead.

Alongside his wife, Coy was a long-standing member of the Assembly of God

Church in Weed where he remained a faithful member for the last 59 years. He served on the church board and could often be found working on projects behind the scenes. There is no doubt that God gave him the gift of being a "helper" to those in need. Coy blessed others as a skilled leather, metal, and woodworker, and he stayed busy being a "Jack-of-all-trades".

If you asked those who knew him best he would be described as dependable & strong, steady & honest, diligent & hardworking. The lives of those of us left behind are forever better because of him. Coy's memory will live on through his loving wife (Betty), his three children and their spouses (Davy & Debbie, Bonnie & Pat, and Phil & Annette), eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren with one more on the way.

We will celebrate his life well-lived on Saturday, April 17th at 1:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Weed. Go rest high on the mountain, Papa, your work on Earth is finally done.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I remember Coy from the Assembly of God Church in Angel Valley. I was a little girl and when the James family walked in, Coy was noticed right away as he was quite a handsome man. My sincere condolences go out to out to the entire James family. RIP Coy. 🙏

Leilani Sheppard-Miller - April 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Coy was one of the most gentle & kind souls that I've known. His steadfastness in serving God and the people of his fellowship are attested to by all who knew him. I will miss his easy-going manner and restrained chuckle at things he thought humorous. "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' " (Matt. 25:23)

Paul Shelton - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Love, Jay and Jean Parker and Family



Tribute Store - April 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Betty, I'm so sorry about Coy's passing. I pray you are well. You are a beautifully spiritual couple. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lord, let them enjoy peace of heart to know Coy is with you.* ❤️🙏❤️

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**Mel Borcalli** - April 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Such a wonderful, Godly man; surely he is resting in peace now. Coy's steadfast goodness & kindness were such a blessing to me, especially as a teenager & friend of Bonnie's. He will always be remembered fondly & deeply missed.*

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**Renee Shelton** - April 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM