



Daniel Jess Freitas

March 8, 1949 - May 8, 2026

Daniel Jess Freitas of Montague passed away on May 8, 2026, at the age of 77. Dan was loved by many throughout Siskiyou County and across the cattle industry. He dedicated his life to helping others, supporting his community, and making a lasting impact on countless lives.

Dan was born on March 8, 1949, in Yreka to Frank Freitas Jr. and Ruth Freitas. He was the middle son between his brothers, Roger and Mike. Dan graduated from Yreka High School in 1967 and later attended California State University, Chico. Growing up, he enjoyed working on the family ranch, hunting with his father and brothers, and hauling hay.

On October 17, 1969, Dan married the love of his life, Mary Loe. Together they built a life centered around family and raised three children: Carrie, Amy, and Jason. Later in life, Dan became a proud grandfather to six grandchildren. He loved attending their sporting events, supporting their fair projects, and cheering them on in every aspect of life. He took immense pride in all they had accomplished and all they would continue to become.

During the first 25 years of his career, Dan worked in the logging industry, where he owned his own logging truck and company. For the past 30 years, he hauled cattle in his well-known purple truck while also raising his own herd. Dan enjoyed working with Orland Livestock Commission Yard and considered

them a second family. He was known as one of the hardest-working men around and was admired for his honesty, strength, and dedication to those he loved. No matter what the situation, Dan was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Dan loved working cattle, spending time outdoors, hunting, and caring for his cows. He was also a strong supporter of the Junior Livestock Auction at the Siskiyou Golden Fair, as well as many local agricultural and athletic programs. Some of his favorite memories were made by traveling with Mary to their grandchildren's sporting events and taking trips to Reno and the Oregon Coast.

Dan will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated community member. His selflessness, work ethic, and generous heart touched countless lives, and he will be deeply missed.

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Mary; his brother, Roger; his children, Carrie Chaney (Ron), Amy Finley (Jason), and Jason Freitas (Mary); his grandchildren, Jake Chaney, Parker Finley, Casen Chaney, Sammi Freitas, Lilly Finley, and Emmie Freitas; three nieces; and his mother's second husband, Ed Wiseman.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Freitas Jr.; his mother, Ruth Freitas Wiseman; and his brothers, Rodney Freitas and Mike Freitas.

A Celebration of Dan's Life will be held on June 6, 2026, from 1:00–4:00 PM at the Montague Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the 2026 Siskiyou Golden Fair Junior Livestock Auction.

Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family, and online condolences may be made at girdnerfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Montague Community Hall
200 S 11th Street
Montague, CA 96064

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Dale & Louise Wallis, Amy & Kary Goolsby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Jess Freitas.

Dale & Louise Wallis, Amy & Kary Goolsby - June 01 at 10:12 PM

DG

“ Dale & Louise Wallis, Amy & Kary Goolsby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Jess Freitas.



Dale & Louise Wallis, Amy & Kary Goolsby - June 01 at 10:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Jess Freitas.



May 27 at 11:37 AM

PL

“ One of my long time best friend-53 years. I always knew he had my back. 🤝❤️

Phill Laubacher - May 16 at 05:57 PM

MF

“ My sincere condolences to the family. 🙏

Marsha Farley - May 14 at 02:00 PM

RK

Dan was a great person!!
His handshake meant everything. Sold Dan his last truck before he retired. A pleasure to know him and work with him and his lovely wife. He will be missed!! 🤝👉 RIP 🌹🇺🇸

Rick Krogen - May 14 at 05:53 PM

PW

Best guy ever. Knew Dan my entire life. Condolences to the family.

Paul & Julie Weisman - May 14 at 08:33 PM

JD

My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jodi Deppen - May 14 at 11:01 PM

VE

So saddened to hear of your loss. Dan was a wonderful man and friend. My thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏 are with your family.

VICKY ELLIOTT - May 15 at 10:54 AM

RU

Dan is still the best guy ever. He and Mary are the together forever couple...wonderful people. Sincere condolences to Mary and his family.
Ruth Simpson

Ruth - May 15 at 12:45 PM

JR

I met Dan at Chico state--we both had guns in our gun racks in our pickups. Became friends right away. Fished in the Marble Mountains with him and he pig hunted with me in Calif. he and Mary stood up for us at our wedding. Haven't talked in years as both of us raised families and kept busy. RIP Dan. My condolences to Mary and the family.

*Jack Richardson
Lemmon, South Dakota*

jack Richardson - May 22 at 05:27 PM



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Girdner Funeral Chapel - May 14 at 12:37 PM