



David Carl Franklin

March 26, 1936 - November 5, 2020

David Franklin passed on November 5 that 11:25 AM in Yreka with wife SuAnne and children, Jeffrey and Becca at his side.

David was born in Medford, Oregon on March 26, 1936 to Laurence and Alice Franklin of Hilt, California. He is survived by his 3 siblings, Lillian, Delbert and Lucille. His family purchased a ranch in Plowman's Valley where he and his siblings were raised. After graduating from Etna High School in 1954, David attended Oregon Technical Institute for two years. Following school, he worked at Hjertager's Mill and drove log trucks outside of Callahan, California. He was drafted into the military in 1959. After leaving the military, he returned to the family ranch and returned to Hjertager's Mill in Callahan. He later worked for Boyd & Franson in Yreka as an auto mechanic. During that time he crossed paths with SuAnne Franklin, who worked at a local bank. David and Su were married November 2, 1963. Shortly after marriage they moved to their current residence. Son Jeffrey David was born May 25, 1966. Daughter Rebecca Su followed on May 22, 1969 (sharing her mother's birthday).

David and Su were active in the Circle and Square dance group for many years. David was an avid biker for many years, taking time to bike in every state through which they traveled. He was also a great fan of Greenhorn Park and was one of several local citizens who constructed the water wheel (arrastra) at the Park. In retirement, David loved spending time in his

woodworking shop on various projects for Yreka, family and friends. In the summers, his grandchildren, Mac, Trevor, Van and Sophia, were found assisting him in his shop with whatever project was at hand. Some of his more noticeable work can be seen in the Welcome signs at the Southern and Northern exits off of I-5, in the Yreka sign at the Central exit, as well as installations throughout Greenhorn Park. David never went anywhere without pulling puncture vines on the sides of the road and was never without a tape measure and pocket wrench to tackle repairs whenever he found them.

Because of the Covid pandemic, in lieu of a formal gathering, the family invites you to stroll through Greenhorn Park in David's memory, observing the arrastra, bench on the Ditch Trail, as well as the 75 routing signs that David and Mike Irvine carved and installed along the trails. In memory of David, please donate to Rails to Trails.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ It was a privilege to have known Dave. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Mark and Sherry Crawford - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Thank you Deana!

Rebecca Levey - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I hope the life this tree adds to our environment honors the memory of David and all he did to make all of our lives a little better.

Tom and Mary Laurent - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Every minute spent with David was a pleasure. He and Su were always generous with their time and friendship. My son and I enjoyed spending time with David in his shop and on our bikes. Our hearts go out to his family and thank them for sharing him with us.

Deni Duncan - November 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Sue and I were friends in high school. We both worked in banks and both of us married on November 2nd, 57 years ago..We also had our first born one week apart. Over the years we have connected off and on. Sue married a great guy. Sorry to hear her life partner has left this year.

Nancy Hanon - November 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ David will remain in our hearts as we remember how he helped us build a dog house, road the Bizz Johnson Rail Trail and so much more.

Deni & Will Duncan - November 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ "David Franklin" brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget him!

Jim, LeeAnn & Jennifer McDonald - November 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Our warmest condolences,

Airflow Sciences - November 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kevin & Tammy Sullivan - November 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ So sad. Such a great man. My deepest condolences to the Franklin family❤️

Deana Truttman - November 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM