



## Donald "Fritz" F. Eller

September 17, 1950 - July 13, 2022

Donald Fredrick "Fritz" Eller passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from complications due to dementia. He was 71 years old.

Born to parents Joe and Donna in 1950, Fritz grew up in Scott Valley and Grenada, graduating from Yreka High School in 1968.

While in high school, he met Janet Friedman, whom he married in 1970. They had two children, Don and Dale.

Fritz had a 33-year career as a Senior Livestock Inspector II for the California Department of Agriculture where he distinguished himself with many accredited disease studies, built many professional relationships with local ranchers, and trained himself up to be one of the finest necropsy technicians in California.

Fritz had many passions outside of work: hunting, fly fishing, camping in the Marble Mountains, western leatherwork, and rifle marksmanship, eventually achieving the rank of High Master.

He was also a gifted sports official, gaining playoff status in football and basketball. He also coached women's basketball at the Jr. High and High School level.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Dale. He is survived by his wife Janet, his son Don (Jamie; grandchildren, Micah and Trevor), his sister Ronda (Jim), and his brothers Robby (Darlene), Neal (Karen), and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held July 21, 2022 at 11:00am at the Etna Cemetery. There will be a reception afterwards at the Ft. Jones Community Hall.

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Family.* ”



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**KimLen Perreira** - July 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *So very sorry for your loss* 🙏🙏🙏 ”

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**Patty McIntyre Meigs** - July 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *So sorry for your loss* ”

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**JoAnn Whisnant** - July 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Sending prayers and hugs. So sorry for your loss!!* ”

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**Donna Griffin** - July 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *He gets to see Dale!! What a comfort after all these years! Prayers to his entire family* ”

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**Jme Whisnant** - July 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Deepest Condolences to the Eller Family. Fritz was a great 4-H Sheep project leader with Montague 4-H in the 80's our kids learned a lot. Always kind , patient and full of information. God Bless

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**LeeAnn Meigs** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ A wonderful man who will be deeply missed by so many who loved him 💔 Les and I send our deepest condolences to Janet and the entire family. Rest easy Fritz ❤️

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**Laurie Greenwood Helsley** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ My deepest condolences to Janet, family and friends.

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**Floyd Freeman** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ I've known Fritz since grammar school, at which time he and his family sold my family fresh milk. I could always tell when the cow got into the clover! His father worked with my father, at the Siskiyou County Road Department. Fritz worked for the California Department of Agriculture during the summers, spraying grapes along the Klamath and Scott Rivers. He suggested that I might work there as well. He had a great sense of country humor, and I enjoyed working with him for several years. He was a hard working no nonsense kind of guy, but always a pleasure to be around. My sincerest condolences to Janet, family and friends. Floyd Freeman

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**Floyd Freeman** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I have so many great memories of Fritz in high school and he and Janet as a married couple. My heart goes out to all of his family.  
Claudia Baroni Robinson

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**Claudia Baroni Robinson** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ So sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers for the family.

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**Becky Greenley** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ May this tree be a living tribute that Fritz will always be in our hearts.

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**Claudia Baroni Robinson** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My sincere and condolences to all of the family. Sending prayers 🙏🙏



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**Marsha Farley** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Rest In Peace Fritz!!! Prayers to Janet and family. Such a great guy and always friendly. Loved watching him on the basketball court.

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**Marsha Chambers** - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Prayers and rip

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**Pat Cates** - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Such a great guy! Prayers to his family.*

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**Rhonda Daws** - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to Fritz's family - I have fond memories of him as my Freshman basketball coach!*

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**Melissa Mathews Whitehead** - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *RIP. So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏*

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**Kristen Naylor** - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Fritz was such an amazing man.*

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**Renee McKay** - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *He was the best! Loved having him on the court refereeing our basketball games! He was there for the love of the game and our kids! RIP Fritz... thoughts and prayers for the family...*

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**Robin Beltramo Wood** - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Donald "Fritz" F. Eller** - July 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM