



Edwin Wade Conner

April 19, 1935 - May 4, 2021

Eddie Wade Conner, 86, of Klamath River, passed away on May 4th, 2021 of natural causes in his home, in the presence of his family.

Eddie was born in Santa Ana, California on April 19, 1935 to Robert Reed Conner and Flossie Ilene Brower. He had two older sisters, Norma and Roberta. He graduated from Escondido High School in 1953 and volunteered to join the Army in 1955 for the Korean War in which he served for two years. Upon returning from the war, Eddie met and then later married Norma "Jean" Kendall in 1960. Eddie and Jean moved to Klamath River where he worked as a heavy equipment operator in the forest industry. After foster parenting Toni and Tina for a number of years, Eddie and Jean had their first son, Casey in 1967, then Andy in 1968 and Troy in 1971.

Eddie owned and operated a service station in Montague in the early 1960s with partner Bill Burt. He was also hired on and served as a California Highway Patrolman in 1968, which took the family to southern California. He chose the graveyard shift because he always wanted to be in the thick of the action. He's told his family and friends countless stories through-out the years of his exploits while on the California Highway Patrol. Though his stories kept you on the edge of your seat, what he was most known for among his peers and supervisors was that he was above average in every way; an exceptional officer, fearless and courageous on the job, a man's man, respected by everyone. Eddie loved being a police officer, but he loved his family more. Wanting a better place to raise his family he gave up his beloved law

enforcement career and moved back to the mountains of Siskiyou County that he loved. He put his roots down there and raised his family, but it didn't take long for the community and region to realize what an exceptional man Eddie was in every way.

Eddie worked extremely hard to build his heavy equipment construction business and support his family. He cleared thousands of acres of land for reforestation, built miles of road and fought many fires with his dozers. He also ran the Mt. Shasta and Tule Lake landfills for a number of years which produced many colorful stories. Whether telling stories of high-speed pursuits in his CHP days or dramatic hunting adventures he kept you riveted to what was about to unfold.

Eddie was also very involved in the community and served as the president of the Klamath River School board while his boys were attending. He also served as the Assistant Chief of the Klamath River Volunteer Fire Department for years. Eddie loved being outdoors in the wilderness and was an avid hunter. He especially enjoyed the challenges of elk hunting and would travel to Oregon and Idaho with his sons and friends, taking his mules to camp and hunt deep into the wilderness where few people would go.

After a divorce in 1979, Eddie spent over 30 years with Doris Crownover whom he loved deeply. Doris was a faithful and loving partner that continued to care for him to the very end of his life.

Eddie continued to develop the rock crushing portion of his business which became his focus in the latter part of his career. He was an incredibly capable man whose accomplishments were vast. Eddie had a sharp mind and incredible work ethic which were coupled with mechanical and engineering skills allowing him to achieve a staggering amount throughout his life. Eddie loved to work and continued to work full days right up to the last year of his life.

Eddie is survived by his three sons: Casey (Sandra) Conner, Andy (Laura) Conner and Troy (Rose) Conner, his partner Doris Crownover and her son Wes Crownover (Michele) and his sister Roberta Adams. Eddie had five

grandsons; Tanner, Zack, Alex and John. His grandson, Hunter Conner, tragically passed away at the age of 18 in 2018.

The family is planning a celebration of life that will be held later this summer.

Any donations in Eddie's name should be sent to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ When I met Ed, he was a 'Friend at first sight'. I truly enjoyed our conversations. He always made me laugh. He once told me "If you can't dream anymore, you have stopped living", while telling me some of his dreams he wanted to realize. We shared visions of all kinds. I am so grateful to have met Ed and his family. Such a great, gifted, humble, fun, adventurous man with his heart in the right place. I will miss seeing him on the river. But in a way, he will live forever. My sincere condolences to his family.

Bieke Lieckens - June 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ May this tree we plant in memory of Ed grow for years and years..

Bieke and Dave - June 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ You are in my thoughts.

Dean and Rita - May 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ With our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dear father. May his memory be eternal. Neo and Ire

Tribute Store - May 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I really enjoyed our conversations the two opportunities that I had to visit with him. I understand why Troy is the man he is.

Charlie Russell - May 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Hugging you from afar. Love, Dorothy, Olivia, Lydia, Kyle, Rhys, Zeke, June, Addie, Angelica, Ryan and Crosby.

Tribute Store - May 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I was lucky to know him. What a no bull guy. Loved to talk with him. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Tracy Louie - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ A big man with an interesting life!

Liz Hockaday - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Few men had the principles and purpose that Eddie possessed. I admired him for his honesty, work ethics and commitment to family. My sincere condolences to all his family. Roger Cummins

Roger Cummins - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Have so many great memories of Eddie ,he will be missed

David Wilson - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ He was a wonderful man & friend. Will miss him, his laugh & his kindness.

Janie Greive - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *He will be missed*

Tiffany Swaim-Bilodeaux - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I always appreciated the humble, stoic poise he exhibited. A great man. Sorry for your loss Casey, Andy and Troy.*

Chris Harris - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Condolences to you Andy Conner & family. May peace be with you during this difficult time*

Laura Healy - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DT

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Donna Kleaver Thompson - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *RIP. So sorry for your loss.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *When Eddie first came to Montague he stayed with our family he and my Dad were great friends I have very fond memories of Eddie and know he will be missed. He was a special guy*

Grace Bennett - May 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM