



Elaine Rae McKnight

December 12, 1945 - October 7, 2016

Lifelong Montague resident, Elaine Rae McKnight, passed away on October 7, 2016 in Medford at the age of 70.

Elaine was born on December 12, 1945 to Bob and Eleanor Akin of Montague. She attended Montague Elementary, Yreka Union School, and was a College of the Siskiyou's graduate.

Elaine met her best friend and the love of her life, John McKnight, at a Montague Junior Rodeo dance, and married him on March 23, 1968. She was an avid horse lover, Oakland Raider fan, an advisor to the Montague Lancerettes, and a loving grandmother.

Elaine followed her children and grandchildren through school, rodeos, horseshows, baseball games, and 4-H activities. She was everywhere her children and grandchildren needed her to be!

Elaine is survived by her husband, John McKnight, and children: Robert McKnight and his wife and children – Angie McKnight, Jaiden and Logan; Jeannean Hayes and her husband, Jim, and their son, Carson. She is also survived by her sister, Marilyn Solus and her husband, Darwin, and their daughter, Shannon Witchel, all of Susanville; her sister in law, Marilyn Hall and her children, Jim, Risa, Jeff, John, and their families.

A potluck and barbeque celebration of Elaine's life will be held on November 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Montague Community Hall. Friends and acquaintances are welcome to bring a dish and old stories to help celebrate with the family!

The family has experienced an outpouring of love and support from so many friends and family during this difficult time, and is greatly appreciative of the expressions of prayer and sympathy.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

LF

“ John and family, just wanted to let you know how sorry we are for your loss. Elaine was a very special lady. I have so many memories of growing up with her in Montague and riding with her in the Lancerettes. She will be missed by so many people. Our heartfelt condolences to you and the family.

Linda and Larry Friedman

Linda Friedman - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you John, and family. Elaine was a great lady and a joy to be around.
Ralph & Bobbi Ramey

Bobbi Ramey - October 29, 2016 at 12:21 PM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss. Elaine will always have a very special place in my heart. I have a lot of wonderful memories with Elaine and john. They were always there for me .I will forever miss you Elaine. Love sharon ferrasci (my prayers are with all the family)

sharon ferrasci - October 28, 2016 at 05:02 PM

JW

“ October 25, 2016

Dear John and Family,

Carol Ann's and my heart and prayers have been with you during these days since Elaine's passing. It's difficult to think about her passing without recalling those glorious days when Ronnie, Lee Anne, and I were kids and our two families would have those rollicking days of fun and laughter in Montague. For us Klamath Falls kids, one of the highlights of the year was when we'd head South to spend a weekend with Uncle Bob, Aunt Eleanor, Elaine, and Marilyn. We never wanted to leave!

How special it was to be with Elaine, you, Marilyn, and Darwin at Mother's 100th birthday in Portland to rekindle all those fond memories. Since that celebration, it has become very real that Elaine's legacy will always be with us--a legacy that will continue to bind our families together until we, too, shall pass.

Our thoughts and prayers will always be with you and your family as you face the days ahead. May God's unfailing love be your comfort, according to His promise, Psalm 119:76.

*With All Our Love,
John and Carol Ann Weber
Olympia, Washington*

John D. Weber - October 27, 2016 at 12:32 PM

TW

“ . *Elaine was a Great Woman who Loved her Family. I will never forget her smile and the Great Times when she would watch Robert race at Siskiyou Motor Speedway.
Sorry for your Loss.*

Tommy Walsh(2Tone) - October 26, 2016 at 11:18 PM

SK

“ So Sorry to hear this news ! I have fond memories of her from JCP she was always so out going and sweet to us ! really loved her personality ! she will be missed but never forgotten ! Prayers to her friends and family !

Sarah Killingsworth - October 26, 2016 at 10:15 PM

JP

Very sorry Elaine always let me pet her horse when she seen me and was greatfull to see her at my brothers reuinuon in yreaka few years back. Lost John Ashcraft last year they went to school together. Lost our Da Gordon Ashcraft this year.96 he was. Again very sorry Janis Ashcraft Pittenger.

Janis Ashcraft pittenger - October 27, 2016 at 01:06 PM

MB

“ My little buddy I miss you more everyday we has our JCP lunch. Your sweet laugh and smile was missed. Our friendship will always be one of my sweet memories. I Thank God for you my friend. My love and prayers to John and kids and rest of family. Love you buddy

Mae Nell Buttram - October 26, 2016 at 10:11 PM

CH

“ John & Marilyn and Darwin. We were so sorry to hear this. thinking of you! Hugs. Charlene and Larry Noyer

charlene - October 26, 2016 at 09:54 PM

CC

“ Sorry to learn Elaine passed away. Just wanted the family to know they are in my thoughts. Claudette Lea-Civalier

Claudette Civalier - October 26, 2016 at 09:19 PM