



## Frankie Lee Helton

March 23, 1951 - March 9, 2026

74 year old Lake Shastina resident, Frankie Lee Helton, passed away unexpectedly on March 9, 2026. He was a 20-year resident of Siskiyou County who enjoyed the peace, tranquility, and outdoor recreation that the area offered.

Frankie was born March 23, 1951 to Elmer and Helen Helton in Kentucky. As a child, his mother remarried to a military man, Wilfred Kim Kam, whom he was raised by. As a family, Frankie spent time at different bases, most notably in Germany, where he spent several of his high school years. After returning stateside, Frankie and his family settled in the Monterey area, where Frankie graduated from Seaside High School.

Frankie married the love of his life, Karen Lee Hale in 1978, and the two were married until her death in 2011. Frankie worked for 25 years in highway maintenance for Cal Trans before retiring to Siskiyou County. He was an avid fisherman - be it in oceans, lakes, streams, or rivers - he simply loved the outdoors. He was as stubborn as a mule, strong willed, but arguable one of the most loving, caring, and understanding fathers, completely devoted to his family's well-being.

Frankie was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; and his son, Eric Helton Sr. He is survived by his daughter, Misty (Ben) Lewis of Lincoln, California; and his seven grandchildren.

Per Frankie's wishes, no formal services are to be held.



# Tribute Wall

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“ My heart goes out to all of you as you say goodbye to your Dad, and friend, Frank. Reading his obituary, I was reminded of what a remarkable and full life he lived - from his early years traveling with his family, to settling in Monterey and graduating from Seaside High, to building a life rooted in love, hard work, and devotion. Frank was the kind of man who carried both strength and tenderness. Stubborn in his own way, but deeply caring, loyal, and completely committed to the people he loved. His years with Cal Trans, his joy in being outdoors, and his passion for fishing - oceans, lakes, streams, it didn't matter - all paint the picture of someone who lived life with purpose and heart. He endured so much loss, especially when Karen passed in 2011 and later with Eric's passing, yet he kept showing up for his family with love and resilience. That says everything about the man he was. I'm holding Misty, Ben, the grandchildren, and all who loved him close in my thoughts and prayers. Frank leaves behind a legacy of strength, devotion, and family love that will continue to live on through each of you. I'm so sad. See you soon, Frank! Love you, Cousin Diane, Ro, and of course, Jazzy.



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**Diane Locicero-McWhorter** - March 17 at 12:00 AM

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Frankie Lee Helton** - March 12 at 12:00 AM