



## Fred Donald Obrikat

March 7, 1932 - March 21, 2019

Longtime Siskiyou County resident, Fred Donald Obrikat, passed away on March 21, 2019 at his Fort Jones home while surrounded by family.

Fred was born to Hermann and Erna Obrikat on March 7, 1932 in Los Angeles. He married his high school sweetheart, Patsy Craig, on May 9, 1952, and he served in the US Army as a Private First Class during the Korean War. After his Honorable Discharge, he returned home and resumed his career working reinforcing iron for over 25 years. After retiring from the steel industry, he and his wife started a “U-Cut” Christmas Tree Farm in Southern California, which they ran for 10 years.

Fred then started his second retirement in 1988 when he and Patsy left Southern California and settled in Siskiyou County to enjoy running his farm for the next 30 years. Fred enjoyed spending time fly fishing, skiing on Mount Shasta, and riding horses on the trails of the Marble Mountains. He loved spending time with his family and his friends. Fred was always willing to help them in any way. His strong belief in hard work and his willingness to lend a hand was admired by many.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Hermann.

Fred’s survivors include his wife of 67 years, Patsy; his children, Fred and

Tami; his two sisters, Estella and Michele; and his grandchildren, Matthew and Victoria.

At Fred's request, no services are to be held.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Aunt Pat, when my mom married Herman, you and Uncle Fred treated me like family. I have wonderful memories of all of you. Im sorry, but no one told me. Im sorry for your loss.  
Love you all, Stephanie Bodde

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**Stephanie** - June 19, 2019 at 04:42 AM

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“ Dear Patsy and Family.  
I am so sorry for the passing of Fred. Years ago I helped Fred try and trim a not so tame horse he had. It threw us both clear across the corral. We laughed about that years later. He was always such a cheerful upbeat guy, I will miss him.  
Penny Wells

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**Penny Wells** - April 06, 2019 at 01:16 PM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Obrikat family. May God's grace comfort in your loss. Gary and Margie Lampella

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**Gary C Lampella** - April 05, 2019 at 12:22 PM

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“ Fred has always been one of the most upbeat, fun loving, hard working, humorous and kind persons in our lives. He had never ranched when he moved to Ft Jones 30 years ago but learned to be a very successful farmer. Fred and Pat were counted as some of our best friends.

*There are so many fond memories. Side by side properties lent for many sharing of tools, advise, support and great friendship. Fred always had a warm hug and kind word.*

*He took on huge tasks: apartments, building their home, farming, horses and skiing of all things at a not so young age.*

*Fred had a tremendous love of animals, the land, people and his family. His heart went out to whoever needed him. We will truly miss his laughter and warm greetings.*

*Our prayers are for all the family.*

*Love,  
Connie, Steve and Byllie Young*

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**Connie Davis-Young** - April 03, 2019 at 02:56 PM

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“ I can't think of a kinder more generous man than Fred. I am going to miss our quick visits on West Moffett Creek Rd and the longer ones at his home. He always offered to lend a hand anyway he could. When you talked to Fred he always made you feel like you were special. I remember fondly a few Ft. Jones Elementary ski days on Mt. Shasta as he zoomed by me with a smile, a laugh and a cheerful hello. There was a new horse in his corral for awhile that provided him with quite a challenge but he never gave up on him. Fred enjoyed life and people and was a friend to everyone. Sharing your sorrow and hoping all your memories make you smile. He would have wanted that.

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**Caroline Luiz** - March 31, 2019 at 09:12 AM