



Gerald Eugene Middleton

January 11, 1945 - January 20, 2022

Lifelong Siskiyou County resident Gerald Eugene Middleton, known to all as Jerry, passed away on January 20, 2022. He was 77 years old.

Jerry was born on January 11, 1945 to the late Clearance S. and Ruth G. (Meek) Middleton in Yreka, CA. In early 1965, Jerry met Sheri Wagy and after dating a short time, they were married on October 2, 1965 at the Yreka Methodist Church. In their marriage they welcomed three boys, Kenneth (1966) Craig (1969), and Corey (1974).

Jerry attended local schools in Yreka, was a member of the National Guard, and as a young teenager he went to work in the woods logging for his uncle Wayne Meek in Scott Valley. He later became a log truck driver working for various companies and it was not long after starting his career, he was given the opportunity by Larry Stidham to be an owner-operator of his own log truck. He remained in the industry until it became near obsolete due to the "spotted owl" and gave up log trucking in the mid 1990s.

Jerry landed what he called his "dream job": working for Wal-Mart transportation based out of the Red Bluff distribution center, where he remained until he retired in 2021 after 23 years and over two million non-fault-of-his, accident free miles receiving many awards and recognition during his employment. In total, Jerry spent 55 years as a truck driver.

In his spare time, Jerry enjoyed watching baseball and was an avid San Francisco Giants fan, listening to old/classic country music, working in his yard, gathering with family and friends and spending time with his his beloved chocolate lab Willy with walks at greenhorn. Jerry couldn't get far out of site from his faithful four legged partner.

Jerry was a hard working, honest, kind, and humble man who will be missed immensely.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was proceeded in death by his beloved son Kenneth in 1987, Sister Barbara Deas in 2020, and many other loved ones.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 56 years Sheri Middleton, son Craig Middleton (partner Tabatha) and son Corey Middleton; granddaughters Brittany Middleton and Garrilynn and her husband (Shane) Dickerson; two Sisters and their husbands Nancy (Roy) Meyers, Shirley (Ralph) Saulsgiver, Brother Stephen Middleton (his partner Jan) Brother-in-laws Leroy Deas and Jerry Wagy, uncle Donald Meek; and 5 great grandchildren Kenny, Aleah, Quinton, Everett, and Eleanor along with several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Evergreen Cemetery in Yreka with a life celebration reception immediately following at Shenaniganz, 612 S. Main Street in Yreka with lunch provided . The family request an RSVP of attendees for the reception by 2/8/22 calling or texting 916-296-2923.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution in Jerry's honor, please choose an animal rescue or shelter near you.

Tribute Wall

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

Kristen Naylor - January 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AJ

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Jerry - January 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ May peace be with you all and god provide healing. Remember the great times and share those memories in his honor. Love you my friend.



Shelly Cjenoweth - January 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ A very fine man. Condolences to his family

Linda Keno - January 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ God bless

Elieene Jones - January 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Prayers for the family.

Liz Hockaday - January 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Prayers to the family and God Bless

Mary Blackwell - January 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM