



## Harold Edd Smith

September 11, 1938 - September 22, 2024

On September 22, 2024, Harold Smith, age 86, passed away peacefully at the Madrone Hospice in Yreka. He left behind a legacy of kindness and community spirit. He was preceded in death by his son, Rodney Smith, and grandson, Dillon Smith. He is survived by his son, Marvin Smith and grandchildren Rodney Jr., Jason, Amanda, Dustin and Timmy; a beloved sister, Nellie; and brothers Johnny and Jimmy, who cherished him deeply. Harold was a devoted long-term partner to Dita Tavenner for 26 years, and he also leaves behind her daughter, Katie, and grandchildren, Marley and Wyatt. A resident of Happy Camp, California for many years, Harold owned a successful logging company before transitioning to ranching after his retirement. Following a devastating fire that claimed his home two years ago in Klamath River, he relocated to Big Springs, California. Throughout his life, Harold was known for his generosity and willingness to help others, earning the respect and love of all who knew him.

Harold was a man of integrity who never spoke ill of anyone, embodying the true spirit of the Western way of life. He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation and grew up in Oklahoma and Mitchell, Oregon. Some of his happiest moments were spent rounding up cattle and camping in the Marble Mountains. Harold had a unique ability to connect with people, never meeting a stranger, and his kindness touched many lives.

Harold will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the community he served so faithfully. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who were

fortunate enough to know him.

A celebration of Harold's life will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds in Yreka. Please join us for a Tri-tip BBQ. Feel free to bring your favorite photos and stories to share. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Madrone Hospice in Harold's name.

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Come celebrate Harold's incredible life with us  
May 3rd, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.  
Stoklyns Golden Fair grounds  
Yreka Ca, 96097  
Please join us for a Trt tip BBQ.  
Feel free to bring your favorite alcohol.

**Girdner Funeral Chapel** - April 27 at 03:36 PM

GC

“ *Harold Edd Smith*

**Girdner Funeral Chapel** - March 26, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *One of the greatest men I've ever known, I worked for Harold for many years on and off, the lesson's he taught me made me the man I am today. Please keep us posted as I'd like to attend the service.*

**Paul Lerma** - October 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Rest easy old boss man worked for him for a few years*

**Jesse Aguilar Sr.** - September 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Condolences to the family. I have known Harold since I was a kid. Dad worked for him for years. He will be missed for sure.*

**Karen Crocker Derry** - September 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ *It was a pleasure to have known him! RIP neighbor!*

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**Lori Urrutia** - September 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Oh I am sorry to hear this*

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**Ginger Moyles** - September 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Oh we are so sorry to hear of Harold's passing. He was a good friend and very good employer for many many years. RIP Harold. Condolences to his family.* 📿🙏🏻

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**Linda Keno** - September 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Such a wonderful man, many heartfelt condolences* 🌸

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**Catherine Olivolo** - September 26, 2024 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 Harold Edd Smith** - September 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM