



James Richard Scala

June 13, 1947 - September 25, 2024

James Richard Scala, 77 year old Montague resident, passed away at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford, Oregon on September 25, 2024. James, who most knew him as "Jim", was born on Friday, June 13, 1947 in Yreka, California, to Peter L. Scala and Elvera A. Ballestine Scala. He was a third-generation dairyman on the 690-acre ranch on Cricket Flat (Oberlin Road) in Montague. He attended Delphic Elementary School when it was a one-room schoolhouse. After graduating from Yreka High School in 1965, he briefly attended the College of the Siskiyous in Weed. Returning to the ranch after college, he continued to work alongside his parents milking cows and overlooking the dairy operation. The dairy cows were sold in 1984 and the ranch transitioned to a beef operation. After his parents passed away in 1995 he took over the ranch operation. He worked for Siskiyou Stockyards as a yard man, Shasta Livestock, and Klamath Livestock Auction as the livestock collection point for Siskiyou County cattlemen and arranged for shipment to those auctions. Throughout his life, Jim was known for his work ethic, generosity, and willingness to help others, earning the love of all who knew him.

Jim was a 4-H and FFA member in elementary and high school, continuing to the FFA Advisory committee in the 70's and a 4-H leader for 53 years. He participated on the Junior Livestock Auction Committee for 54 years and was a board member for many years. He was a longtime director on the Shasta River Water Association Board where he ended his career as board president.

Every year he always looked forward to attending the county fair where he and his ex-wife Caralee, along with their children and grandchildren, brought animals to show. Jim was also a huge supporter of many organizations in the community, including: Junior Livestock Auction, Siskiyou County Cattlemen, Farm Bureau, FFA, and other organizations.

Jim was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt everything he could, from large game to waterfowl, along with fishing when he wasn't working on the ranch. He always looked forward to taking his family and grandkids hunting every year no matter what season it was. If Jim wasn't home, you knew you could find him hunting somewhere.

Jim's greatest pride & joy were his grandchildren, who called him "Nono." You would see him at their baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball and football games, always cheering them on.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Elvera Scala. He is survived by his daughter Tracy Scala (Chuck) Faultner and son Jimmy (Alina) Scala; grandchildren Haylee Fernandes (Eric), Josh Scala, Cody Brown, Kayla Brown, Tyler Faultner, Trinity Taylor, Logan Scala, and Trevor Scala. Also surviving Jim are his siblings: sister Patty Karle (Dietmar) and brothers Peter Scala (Cecily) and Roger Scala (Mary), as well as many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and friends.

The family would like to extend our thank you to all of Jim's friends who were always willing to lend a hand in a time of need on the ranch and take him on some of his most treasured hunting and fishing trips.

Jim's ashes will be scattered on the Scala ranch with the immediate family. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Montague Community Center. The family will provide BBQ tri-tip and bread. If you would like, please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Also please bring your favorite memory or story to share. In lieu of flowers, the Siskiyou Bowmen is establishing a scholarship in Jim's name. Donations may be made payable to Siskiyou Bowmen, P.O. Box 1253, Yreka, CA 96097 with Jim Scala Memorial Scholarship in the memo line.

Tribute Wall

FS

“ Jim, Jimmy to me, was a treasured friend when we attended the old Delphic school house when I lived on Oberlin Road in the 6th grade. He was always a lot of fun to run with and I last saw him when one of our other classmates, Nancy Robustilini, passed away a few years ago. I am now 80 and am looking forward to seeing them again in heaven soon, Fred Schantz

Fred Schantz - February 19 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ It was a testimony to Jimmy, today during his celebration of life, on how far and wide his influence reached for young and old. If I had been able to speak, I would have said this. Though some may have questioned it during Jim's lifetime, I can say as a friend from a very young age, Jimmy had more integrity in his little finger, than many people have in their entire bodies. I met him when I was growing up, as he was a friend of my older brother Brian. Jim taught me to drive a stick shift. He always seemed to show up at places where I probably shouldn't be hanging out as a teen. Then made sure to get me home. As years went by, he and I remained friends. It's funny how the life circle happens. Jim and Harvey had been friends for years, too, connected through the cattle business and as neighbors. Jimmy would stop by our place to visit from time to time, and Harvey and I loved those visits!! When I think of Jimmy, I can hear in my head that chuckle he had, and see his smile. God bless all of Jim's family with peace in your hearts!! Rest in peace my friend.

RB Phillipe - November 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ 🙏 for the family

Pam Johnson - October 10, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ It was with great sadness hearing about the passing of Jim. Although it is been many years since I have spent time with Jim my memories of those great times of the past seem like they took place yesterday. During my teen years I was blessed with bring introduced to Jim's parents & siblings. To Patty, Pete & Roger I extend my condolences. Memories of sitting around your breakfast table following the early morning call to feed and milk cows, driving the hay truck with no brakes, feasting on salami and sausage from the smoke house, the many hunting trips spent with Jim and with out question the most vivid memory are those of the "Occasional" party at "Scala's Gate". Jim was a good friend and these memories will stay with me always.

Brian Phillipe - October 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My condolences

Charlie Wise - October 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ My deepest condolences to his family and friends. 🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - October 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Was a great man to know and will be missed very much by all the people that knew him.

Ruth Hurd - October 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Always first to reach out to help anyone. Love his children and grandchildren. God Bless his family in this time of great loss. Tracy and Jimmy love you and families. Bye Jim have fun hunting and fishing.



Mae Nell Buttram - October 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for James Richard Scala - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ A great man
Will be missed

Carol Hockaday Forneris - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Always a nice man. Jim will be missed. Condolence to Tracy and all of Jim's family.

Charlene Broce - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Chuck Faultner Tracy and Family. We're so sorry for your loss ❤️

Amy Zoe Vogel-Churchill - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Condolences to his Family. RIP Jim 🌻

Mary Coon - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ *Condolences to the Scala Family*

Sheri Young - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Condolences to Tracy, Haylee, Cody, Kayla and the rest of the Scala family.*

Karen Ross Brown - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *For many years we hauled our Shasta cattle to Jim's place. Also he was a common sight at our Siskiyou Golden Fair. He will be missed.*

Melanie Fowle-Nelson - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *I am so sorry my sincere condolences 🙏*

Marsha Farley - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Was good friend 😞*

Bob Schultz - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Sending our deepest condolences to the family.*

Lisa Fowler Robustellini - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Our condolences to the family, he will never be forgotten, a good man.

Leslie Blankenship - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Picture this, Rogue Vally Hospital Cardiac Floor a few years back. Patient 1 Jimmy Scala, Patient 2, a couple doors down, Edward Sarmento. Imagine those two, IVs in tow walking down the hall in their hospital gowns, maybe not imagine? Anyway I hope the nurse was getting double salary taking care of those two rascals. Edward thought the world of you Jim. May both of you be healthy, happy, and at peace with your God. Comfort to your family. Happy hunting to both you and Edward. MEJ

Maureen Jones - October 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM