



Jeff Mark Bales

January 30, 1960 - August 16, 2013

Jeff Mark Bales was born on Jan. 30, 1960, to Marvin and Velda Bales. He passed away on Aug. 16, 2013.

Jeff moved to Yreka from Ventura County in 1973. He attended Yreka High School and graduated in 1978. During his high school years, he was an outstanding athlete in football and track, earning MVP in his sophomore and senior years, defensive player of the year in his senior year, and hitter of the year in his junior year. He earned other multiple awards in sports.

On Dec. 16, 1978, he married Brenda Fraley of Hornbrook. Jeff worked in the oil fields of Ventura, and in 1982 they moved back to Yreka, where he began his logging career with Bob Fraley.

On July 2, 1988, Jeff married Lori Johnson. They have one son, Jacob Mark Bales.

In his years in Siskiyou County, he enjoyed outdoor activities of hunting, trapping and gold dredging. He continued in his careers of becoming a certified welder in 1991, where he worked at Siskiyou County Public Works as a shop welder. He became a truck driver for Cascade West/Timber Products and Thomas & Sons Distributors.

Survivors include his son, Jacob Mark Bales, of Fairfield, Calif.; his brother, Clifford Bales, of Pleasant Hill, Ore.; and his sisters Diane Bradbury of Oroville, Calif. and Kathy Legan of Montague; plus many nieces and nephews. He leaves many friends from various times he touched their lives through the years.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka.