



## Joseph Henry Santos

March 16, 1927 - May 27, 2016

On May 27, 2016, Joseph Henry Santos passed away peacefully at the age of 89. Joe was born on March 15, 1927 as he always told everyone, or March 16, 1927 like his birth certificate says, to Manuel and Marie Santos on the family homestead on McAdams Creek in Fort Jones.

Joe graduated from Fort Jones High School in 1946 and was drafted into the Army to fight in the Korean War, where he drove munitions trucks. Upon his discharge from the Army, he and his buddies managed to smuggle their companies' dog back to the states on their ship in a duffle bag.

Joe worked in the logging industry for several years after the army, working at a sawmill and for local loggers as a choker setter before taking a job at the Fort Jones Elementary School as head of maintenance/custodian in 1972. He always loved to play practical jokes and make comical faces and noises at children wherever he was. If you worked at the school you never knew when you might be the victim of one of his pranks. While working at Fort Jones Elementary, he was a mentor to many students and always had one or two tagging along to help on whatever task he was working on. This carried over to home, where students were always welcome to hang out for as long as they wanted. He retired in 1989 after 17 years. He served as Etna 4-H beef and community leader for several years. He drove the big green cattle truck to the Junior Grand National at the Cow Palace for 10 years. It was always a

battle to see which 4-Hers got to ride with Joe and the beef, sheep and hogs. Joe was a stranger to no one and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed help. There were many times the ranch stock trailers became a moving van for friends, family and neighbors.

Joe loved hunting, gardening and fast cars. He raised a huge garden every year to share with friends and family throughout the valley. He also enjoyed driving around checking cattle through the backroads of Siskiyou County. His favorite cars were a black Ford Coupe and a black 65 Ford Galaxy. He was in charge of irrigating, discing and planting on the family ranch and was always proud of the lush green fields he grew for hay and fall pastures. He was extremely proud of his garden. Joe milked the family cow for years providing farm fresh milk to his family and several other milk customers. He helped his grandchildren with their 4-H projects, getting them ready for fair and teaching them about Farming and Ranching, along with many other children who came to visit, including his nieces and nephews who spent the summer on the ranch.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Maxine Costa Santos; children, Carla Loring (Mike) of Longview, WA. and Caroline Luiz (Joe) of Fort Jones; grandchildren, Nicole Stevens (Ross), Keri Luiz, Elyse Loring, Natalie Loring; great grandchildren, Tylinn Loring and Mason Stevens; sister, Eva Fowler of Puyallup, WA and many nieces and nephews scattered throughout California, Oregon, Washington and Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Marie; brothers, Fred and John Santos and sisters, Hilda Reynolds, Gloria Santos and Lenora Carr.

A recitation of the rosary will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Jones on Friday, June 3rd at 10:30 a.m. with a memorial mass following at 11:00 a.m. A burial will take place after at the Fort Jones Catholic Cemetery. The family would like to thank care giver Gwen Robinson who has been helping with his

care for the past five and a half years. Donations in his memory can be made to Madrone Hospice House at 255 Collier Circle, Yreka or to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jones Catholic Cemetery

Eastside Road  
Fort Jones, CA 96032

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
101 Carlock Street  
Fort Jones, CA 96032

## Mass of the Christian Burial

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Mendonca Lindquist lit a candle in memory of Joseph Henry Santos*



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**Janice Mendonca Lindquist** - April 08, 2019 at 12:59 AM



“ *Gosh I'm soon sad to hear of Joe's passing. To all if his beloved Family and Friends my prayers and Love are being sent your way.*

*Joe ALWAYS amazed me with his hard work ethic. Since I was a young Girl I would see him and his wife working in the fields whenever I was coming into or leaving the Valley.*

*God Bless you Mr Santos*

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**KimLen Perreira** - June 17, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JF

“ Joe, a mans man. A wealth of knowledge, great story teller of your service during the Korean war, and a great sense of humor. Thanks for being a friend. Thanks for letting me hunt on your ranch. You are, and always will be a symbol of the harmony that should exist on earth between animals, crops, and man. I enjoyed our talks down at the pole barn when you came to pick up hay. I know you appreciate a little dry humor so I think I can ponder, how did you drive those ammo trucks and survive when you've backed into almost every pole holding up our barn ? I saved a writing that was read at a service for another friend on mine, a veteran also, that went home last year. I don't know if it is appropriate to post it here and this time, but it just reminded me of something you might say. Hope it's ok with the family! It's called "I'll Be Seeing You"

*I'm at rest so don't cry.*

*It will be easier as time goes by.*

*I've done my best to live a good life,*

*For I knew if I did, I could be with God.*

*As my body lies here, its only a shell*

*God has called me home and my job I've done well.*

*Now I'm happy and very content*

*For things I've done wrong, I repent.*

*You know and I know it's hard on earth*

*So you should not cry at death, but at birth.*

*I have no worries, pains or fears*

*I love you all and this is what I want you to do.*

*Put God first in your life and I'll be seeing you.*

*I'll be seeing you Joe,*

*Love you John and Jan Follis*

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**John Follis** - June 12, 2016 at 11:30 PM

DB

“ Uncle Joe thinking of you today. I know you are with the Lord and all your family that has gone before you. Thanks showing your "city nieces and nephew" how the ranch worked. Thanks for allowing to work with you when we visited. I learned a lot about your fun times with my Mom, your sister. You always had a smile and loved to tease us city folk. You were a great example to us. Will miss you. Prayers sent for all the Ft. Jones family. Love you your niece,  
Donna Marie Bartoli

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Donna Marie Bartoli - June 03, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Henry Santos.



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June 02, 2016 at 09:11 AM