



Ken Hockaday

July 31, 1944 - December 11, 2014

Kenneth Hockaday, a Karuk Elder and Siskiyou County native, peacefully passed away at his home on December 11, 2014. Ken was born in Yreka on July 31, 1944. He was the third of four children born to Clarence and Minnie Hockaday.

Ken lived his life in the mountains and creeks along the Klamath River surrounding Happy Camp. Ken was an excellent athlete and scholar, graduating Valedictorian of his class. Ken married his high school sweetheart, Shirley (Forest) Hockaday. On April 25, 2014, they celebrated 50 years together. They made their home in Happy Camp until 1983 when they moved to Yreka with their two children: Raná Bussard and Kenneth A. Hockaday.

Ken was an avid outdoorsman: hunting, fishing, and tending his garden whenever possible. Ken's greatest pleasure was taking care of his family, especially his wife Shirley. Ken touched many lives during his lifetime, charming all with his smile and quiet strength. He loved going for rides in his old Chevy, no matter where they took him. Upon retirement from the Yreka Elementary School system, Ken and Shirley drove to Oklahoma and back, enjoying all the sights along the way.

Ken was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Hockaday, Sr., and two sisters, Mary Jo McLane and Mona Aubrey.

Ken is survived by his mother, Minnie (Grant) Hockaday, brother Clarence Hockaday, Jr., wife Shirley (Forest) Hockaday, children: Raná (Hockaday) Bussard and Kenneth A. Hockaday, their respective spouses: Steve Bussard and Kathy Hockaday, grandchildren: Carissa, Kristy, and Ray, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 12:00 p.m., Winema Hall at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend. Ken loved his blue jeans and t-shirts, so please come casually dressed. Ken's spirit will forever remain in the mountains surrounding Happy Camp and in our hearts.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (PT)

Winema Hall
1712 Fairlane Rd.
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

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“ *...Kenny was simply the nicest guy I ever met. Just knowing him was an indescribably rich experience.*

Vin Smith - January 10, 2015 at 07:55 PM

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“ *We are very sorry to hear of Kenny's Passing - our thoughts and prayers are with you now and always.*

Ben & Helen Attebery

Ben & Helen Attebery - December 19, 2014 at 05:17 PM

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“ *I'm sorry about you're loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you're family. Ken will be missed by all.*

Tim Haines - December 16, 2014 at 03:07 PM