



Kenneth "Hoot" Duane Black

March 13, 1953 - January 13, 2016

Lifelong Siskiyou County resident, Kenneth Duane Black, passed away unexpectedly on January 13, 2016 at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford. He was 62 years old.

Kenneth, better known to many in the community as “Hoot,” was born on March 13, 1953 to Oscar and Lena Mae Black in Yreka. Ken was a member of the Karuk Tribe, and spent much of his life and time in the outdoors, specifically down the Klamath River. Ken married Valerie Carter at Greenhorn Park in Yreka on March 31, 1988, and the couple has been married for the last 27 years.

Ken spent time working as a choker setter for Fisher Logging and several other outfits. Ken continued to work much of his life as a woodcutter, frequenting the areas of Doggett Creek, Beaver Creek, Empire Creek, Lumgreys Creek, etc. Ken coupled his love of fishing by working as a driftboat fishing guide on the Klamath River. In more recent years, he worked as a janitor for Jackson Street School, where he retired from in 2013. Ken also lived for hunting season, particularly for deer, quail, and grouse. He spent his entire hunting career down the Klamath River, utilizing his keen knowledge of the area to put meat in the freezer nearly every year. Another of Ken’s passions was playing softball. He was known for his unlimited arc while pitching, earning the title “Strikeout King” repeatedly, and routinely forcing

some of the best hitters to strike out. Ken was also excelled at playing horseshoes, and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. On top of everything, Ken was a family man: a loving husband, father, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was a wonderful Papa to children and grandchildren, whether they were his or not!

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, most recently, his mother, Lena Mae Black in July of 2015. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Valerie; two children from a previous marriage, Kristina and Kenneth (Sherry) and their children, Brennan, Iveyonna, and Jayden; his children, Sierra (Logan) Black, Chris (Caitlin) Black, Skyler Black, and Shashonie Roberts, all of Yreka, and their children, Kierstyn, Peyton, Kynzi, and Easton. He is also survived by his siblings: Gary, Gerrald, Richard, Barbara Williams, and Sharon Hatten; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service with potluck luncheon will be held for Kenneth on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 12 noon at the Klamath River Community Hall in Klamath River.

Previous Events

Memorial Potluck Gathering

MAR **26**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Klamath River Community Hall
20733 Highway 96
Klamath River, CA 96050

Tribute Wall

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“ Valerie, Chris and Sierra; we're so sorry to hear of this great loss to your family. Ken was a great guy, always with a smile and kind word. Peace to you as you go through this healing process. God Bless! Jan, Nick & Amber Sinnott

Jan Sinnott - February 27, 2016 at 02:04 PM



Thank you for sharing your memories

Valerie Carter Black - March 14, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ im so sorry for your lose i was his catcher for many years w/ the bucks & other names teams & he was the best will be missed > yet one memory is me throwing out a man stilling second & i hit kenny in his arm broke> out 4 season > he wasnt happy still was his catcher & friend . so kenny see u up stairs on are new team sooner then later save a spot I LOVE DUSTER & LANA BENNTT

Moe Bennett - February 24, 2016 at 08:46 AM



Thank you for your condolences and sharing that story. Surprisingly that is one I had never heard. Kenneth and I met through softball. I didn't meet him until he played for SVB. I myself was a catcher for YHS, COS, and the Women's league here in Yreka. But I was considered backwards back then, because I am left-handed

Valerie Carter Black - March 14, 2016 at 11:08 PM

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“ *From one River Rat to another: Rest in Peace my friend...Glenn Robinson*

Glenn Robinson - February 23, 2016 at 11:54 PM



Thank you for your condolences

Valerie Carter Black - March 14, 2016 at 11:09 PM

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“ *I went to grammar school with him.. he was so healthy.. It is such a shock.. He will be missed for a long time. A great guy.*

Teresa Thompson (Malena) - February 23, 2016 at 11:34 PM



Yes he will be missed by many. Thank you for your condolences

Valerie Carter Black - March 14, 2016 at 11:11 PM

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“ *Cynthia Carter lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Hoot" Duane Black*



Cynthia Carter - February 23, 2016 at 06:11 PM



Thank you Cynthia

Valerie Carter Black - March 14, 2016 at 11:11 PM