



## Marino Louis Rizzardo

January 9, 1932 - September 19, 2024

Marino Louis Rizzardo, 92, of Montague, CA, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2024, at Madrone Hospice in Yreka. Born on January 9, 1932, at home on the family ranch between Montague and Grenada, Marino lived a full life rooted in family, hard work, and his love for the outdoors.

From an early age, Marino worked alongside his mother, Ernesta, and his three siblings to keep the family ranch running after his father passed away when Marino was just four. The family milked 40 head of cattle by hand, raised pigs, and managed the ranch with the help of Cousin Joe "Ping" Morreto. At the age of 24, on October 9, 1956, Marino was drafted into the Army. Upon his return from service, his mother had sold the family ranch. Following this, he found work at a dry kiln in Montague and later took a job as a millwright and warehouse foreman at the Klamath Molding Mill. In 1966, he joined the bridge crew at the Siskiyou County Road Department, where he worked until his retirement in 1994.

Marino married Nola Wheeler on April 18, 1964. Together, they built their family home and raised their three children just a mile from where he was born. They celebrated 60 years of marriage before his passing.

An avid outdoorsman, Marino enjoyed hunting-whether for large game or waterfowl-and cherished annual hunting trips to the Marble Mountains. He also loved fishing, camping, and working with his beloved quarter horses. His skills in fixing almost anything were well known, and he was always eager to help family and friends. Marino was a 4-H leader, mentored senior projects,

and was an active member of the Greenhorn Grange, Yreka Clay Birds, and the NRA.

Marino's greatest pride and joy came from his role as a grandfather. He adored his grandchildren, Blakeley and Devin, he made them the center of his world. He was deeply involved in their lives, always offering support, wisdom, and unconditional love. Whether it was attending their school events, sharing stories of his life, or teaching them how to fix things, Marino's dedication to his grandchildren was unwavering. He cherished every moment spent with them, creating memories they will hold dear for a lifetime. His love and guidance shaped their lives, and his presence will forever be missed by all who knew him but never forgotten.

Marino was preceded in death by his parents, Marino Vittore and Ernesta Matilda Rizzardo; brothers John (and his wife Edna) and Mario (and his wife Vera) Rizzardo; sister Terislla (Rizzardo) Precie (and her husband Mike); nephews Ernie and Louis "Louie" Rizzardo; niece Diana (Precie) Tavares. He is survived by his loving wife Nola; daughter and son-in-law Nadine and Jamie Hittson; son Glen Rizzardo; daughter Dena Rizzardo; grandchildren Blakeley Hittson and Devin Griffin as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends.

A memorial graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Evergreen Cemetery in Yreka, followed by a reception at the Best Western Miner's Inn Convention Center in Yreka. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Madrone Hospice (255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097) or Yreka Clay Birds (benefiting youth programs) (216 Henig Way, Yreka, CA 96097) in Memory of Marino Rizzardo.

# Tribute Wall

NH

“ Dena so sorry for your loss  
Prayers to all your family 🙏🙏🙏

Nancy Holcomb - September 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Please give Nola's family my deepest sympathy and prayers.

Helen Blackston - September 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers for Nola and all the family at this difficult time, but know that he will never be forgotten as he will be in all our hearts forever, and always..... I just loved Pop's, always had a wonderful time bowling with him and just visiting anytime we would meet in town or at many gatherings through out the county. You will have to keep an eye on Louie, Dino and Ernie or just join them and enjoy! All my love to the family.

Kathy Perdue - September 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our condolences.



Delahoyde family - September 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I'am so sorry to hear this.Sending hugs,prayers,and love to all of you at this very difficult time.Was a very nice man to talk with when I saw him.He'll be greatly miss by all of us.

Ruth Hurd - September 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ RIP Marino, a good man, a very good man.

Eric Hill - September 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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Ruth Hurd - September 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ So sorry to hear!!!

Tom Taylor - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Thankful to have known him!

Lori Urrutia - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Very sad to hear. My love to Nola and family.*

Earlene Gibson - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *What a great man, Marino was a special man, our ❤️ breaks for you all, The Dooley's*

Ginger Dooley - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *You are all in my thoughts & prayers 🙏*

Suzi Lipke - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AR

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Marino Louis Rizzardo - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *May Peace be with all of you 💙🙏*

Maggie Harris - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *My deepest condolences to Nola and the family.*

Tat Chase - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the entire family. Marino was "Pop" to me and was one of my all time favorite people and one of the kindest men I knew. He will be deeply missed.*

Rebecca Desmond - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ ❤️

Debi Sims - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KS

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Kathy Spencer - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ ❤️❤️

Donna Kleaver Thompson - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Bless him, he will be missed. My prayers and condolences are with you.* 🙏❤️

Liz Hockaday - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My sincere condolences to all. He always had a smile.*

Jean Copeland - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *One good man* ☐♂

Bob Schultz - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Our condolences to Nola and family...so sorry for your loss.*

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**Rose Steve Darla** - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Marino.* ❤️

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**Cleo Wheeler** - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *He will be missed one of the best neighbors growing up*

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**Trey Soder** - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Heaven got another fine man. Condolences to his family.*

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**Linda Keno** - September 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM