



Owen "Larry" Stidham

June 18, 1938 - March 24, 2025

Longtime Yreka resident Owen "Larry" Stidham passed away peacefully on March 24, 2025 at the age of 86. He was born on June 18, 1938 in Selma, California to Charles and Nova Stidham. The Stidham family moved to Siskiyou County in 1951, where Larry spent the rest of his life.

Larry attended Grenada Elementary School and then Yreka High School. He met the love of his life, Frances DeWitt in high school. They were married in June, 1957, and enjoyed over 67 years together.

Larry was always a hard worker. While in high school, Larry worked at Brownie's Gas Station. After graduating, he worked for Yreka Transit Mix, hauled cattle for Ray Taylor, and drove truck for Walt Peters at Peters Truck Line. In 1963, Larry convinced a potato farmer from Tulelake to sell him a truck on payments. With Frances handling the paperwork out of their home, and Larry driving the truck, Stidham Trucking was born. What started with one truck grew into a thriving business. Together, Larry and Frances expanded Stidham Trucking to 130 company trucks, plus owner-operators, office staff, and shop employees.

Larry had a deep love for animals, and his devotion to them was evident throughout his life. He rescued countless animals over the years, helped several local rescues, countless individuals, and he and Frances were fundamental in starting the humane society in Cabo San Lucas. He was known for his kind heart, willingness to help others, and his strong work ethic. Larry is survived by his beloved wife, Frances Stidham; son, Richard Stidham;

daughter, Mary Stidham-Mathus (Randy); and his sisters, Hazel and Helen, along with several nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his daughter Teresa, his sister Ramona, brothers Charlie and Benny, and sister Alice. He was a dedicated family man and a hard worker who always put the needs of his loved ones first.

A memorial service to celebrate Larry's life will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 12:00 Noon at the Miner's Inn Convention Center in Yreka. Lunch will be served. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to SNIP of Siskiyou County, Purr Angels, or Madrone Hospice in Larry's honor.

Tribute Wall

NB

“ *Frances You are special to me. I am sorry. Larry was a special generous person. My prayers are with both of you during this blessed season.*

Nadine Della Bitta - December 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Dear Francis and family,
It is with great sadness that we learned of Larry's passing. His was a life well-lived and a person much loved.
Our sincere condolences,
Curt and Jackie Ealy*

Jackie Ealy - June 05, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Sorry for you loss. Uncle Larry will be missed. May he rest in peace.*



Judy and Bill Hutchiosn, Diana Wilson, Margaret Godfrey - April 18, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Well shucks Mr Larry. Many a years it has been. And back in the yesteryears, many a hamburgers n milkshakes I serve you n family members at 'Hanks Richmaid' here in Yreka. Stories n alot of 'bull' n laughter flew through when I waited on you. Condolences to your family. Respectfully Toni Ann Luisi (Hager) Mgr then Hanks Richmaid. (1960-70s)

Toni Ann luisi - April 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Larry.
Charles and Christine



Christine Daugherty - April 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Sad to hear that uncle Larry has passed.
Condolences to Frances and kids.

Dana (Stidham) Williams



Dana Williams - April 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I am so sorry to hear that "Uncle Larry" has passed. My condolences to the family.
Linda (Stidham) Railton



Linda Railton - April 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Larry would come to my candy store every Sunday. He loved his biscuits and gravy coffee and milk.*

CHRISTINE DAUGHERTY - April 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *So very sorry to hear about Larry.
~The Vern Hughes Family*

Chastity Hughes Eiler - April 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AS

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Owen "Larry" Stidham - April 03, 2025 at 12:00 AM