



## Ralph Charles Ayoutt

July 29, 1933 - February 17, 2022

Longtime Montague resident Ralph Charles Ayoutt passed away on February 17, 2022. He was 88 years old.

Ralph was born on July 29, 1933 in Paisley, Oregon to Joseph and Vivian Ayoutt. Ralph was raised by his maternal grandparents from an early age on a cattle ranch in Summer Lake, Oregon, where he learned to ride horses and herd cattle.

From October 1955 through October 1957 Ralph served in the U.S. Army. In March 1958 Ralph joined the U.S. Air Force, where he was a crew chief for three years. He then cross trained to Aircraft Ejection Seat Technician in 1962. Ralph was a non-commissioned officer in charge of every Egress Shop he was stationed at. Ralph did three tours of duty in Vietnam from 1965 thru 1967. He retired from the military on April 1, 1976 as a staff sergeant.

Ralph moved to New Mexico in 1976 where he worked for Tri-Gas for 19 years, retiring as maintenance supervisor. Ralph had many hobbies and interests in his life. He liked to bowl, hunt, fish, reload ammunition, shoot guns, watch Nascar, square dance and play cards.

Ralph met his wife Betty while square dancing in Mount Shasta. They were married on August 23, 1998. During the last years of his life, he managed

Shadow Valley Ranch in Weed and was a greeter at WalMart in Yreka. Ralph and Betty bought a home in Montague. They belonged to the United Methodist Church in Montague. Ralph loved the Lord and his church family.

Ralph has eight children: Bernice Burns (Jim) of Montague, Shirley Wayne (Randy) of Reno, Nevada, Raeleen Copley (Scott) of Grenada, Beth Ayoutt of South Dakota, Cindy True (Art) of Shedd, Oregon, Michelle Brown (Sunny) of Utah, and Leo La Plante (Christie) of New Mexico, with eight grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Ralph is also survived by two sisters, Virginia Cox of Molalla, Oregon and Gloria Henderson of Homer, Alaska. He was preceded in death by a son, Alan Ayoutt.

A memorial service for Ralph Ayoutt will be held at Montague United Methodist Church in Montague on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be a potluck following the service.

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Ralph was my fishing buddy! We spent many days on the water together. Irongate, Copco, Shasta. He was a great guy! I think of him often. I miss you my friend!* ”

Mark Starr - January 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *I remember when Ralph worked at Minter's Inn as a mainance man with my George and I.He would always give me a bad time when he saw me.Ralph was a great man.Sending hugs,prayers,and love to all of you at this very difficult time.Ralph will be greatly missed my his family and friends.RIP Ralph until we meet again.* ”

Ruth Hurd - March 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.* ”

Kathleen Perdue - March 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Prayer hugs of comfort to your family Bernie* ”

Kathy Preszler - March 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AA

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ralph Charles Ayoutt - March 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Bernie.* 🙏❤️🙏

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**Lori Eiler** - March 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM