



Richard "Dick" Lee Shipman

August 19, 1931 - December 14, 2016

Richard Lee (Dick) Shipman passed away peacefully at home on December 14th, 2016.

Dick was born to Helen Burford Shipman and Howard Shipman on August 19th, 1931 in Rush, Colorado. The family moved briefly to Redding, California and moved to Big Springs when Dick was about two years old and he has lived in Siskiyou County since then.

The family operated a dairy in Big Springs and because there are many chores to do on a farm and cows have to be milked twice a day regardless, Dick learned the value of a good work ethic starting pretty early in life.

He was employed by the County of Siskiyou for forty years; starting as a carpenter and cabinet maker. His title was Senior Carpenter, but that was changed to Facilities Technician because of his expertise in electrical, plumbing and mechanical in addition to carpentry. Any of the Siskiyou County buildings that existed during his time with the county still benefit from his craftsmanship. He fell while working for the County on the "bug station" in Dorris, California, damaging his knees; those injuries were to limit his ability to do what he enjoyed later in life.

In addition to being proud to have been of service to his beloved Siskiyou County as an employee, he was very happy and proud to be a member of the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department. He served with his firemen brothers for 25 years; eight of those years was as their Chief. As the years passed, it meant a great deal to him when one of them would still address him as "Chief".

Dick was a long-time member of the Yreka Elks Club.

He also enjoyed bowling and bowled in leagues for many years. As he did in every facet of his life - he would strive to be the best he could be. He really enjoyed the interaction with all of the other bowlers.

Dick could design and build anything he put his mind to; whether it be made of wood, steel, brick or any other type of material.

He loved the outdoors and any activity associated with the woods, streams, ocean or lakes. He was an excellent fisherman and especially enjoyed fishing for bass. He hunted for years and was especially pleased when, after applying for 30 years, he was chosen for an antelope tag. He was successful and got his animal on the last day of the season in August, 1995.

Dick's favorite "hang out" was Don's Sporting Goods for morning coffee (where his antelope trophy head is still hanging); he occupied a stool there for many years and enjoyed playing "Liar's Dice" to determine who would pay for the coffee for those involved in the game.

He is going to be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Predeceasing him were his parents, his brother Ed, his sister June, his wife Pauline, step-son Mike Silva and nephew Tim Shipman.

Surviving him are his wife and partner for 21 years, Karen; his sister, Lena Truttman; his daughter Connie Jarin in McMinnville, Oregon; his son Greg (Selena) Shipman of Yreka; grandsons Rick (Brandi) Shipman of Gresham, Oregon and Keygen Shipman of Yreka; step-children Tina Silva, Darren Silva, Jeff Capps and Kristi Capps; nephews, Allen Shipman, Tracy Shipman and Gary Truttman, niece Garnet Hilton; several step-grandchildren and 5 step great grandchildren.

In accordance with Dick's wishes, there will not be a formal service. He had indicated, however, that a "party" would be acceptable. So, there will be a Celebration of his life on January 21st 2017 at 1 PM at the Elk's Club, Yreka, CA.

If someone wishes to honor him by a donation - two of his favorite causes were the Rescue Ranch, P.O. Box 1192, Yreka, CA 96097 and the NRA,

11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030; or to any organization of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **21**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Yreka Elks Lodge
332 W. Miner Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Blessings to Dick's family.
Tom and I thought the world of Dick. Tom especially enjoyed
bowling with him.
Take care... you will be ok.

Kathryn Handschy


Kathryn Handschy - December 21, 2016 at 06:30 PM

LF

“ Sorry for your loss Karen. May Duck rest in
peace.



Larry and Deana Farrington - December 20, 2016 at 07:16 PM


Charlene
Young

“ Charlene Young lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Dick" Lee Shipman



Charlene Young - December 20, 2016 at 02:17 PM


Charlene
Young

*Karen so sorry for your loss ...loss of a loved one is so hard, but
precious memories keep us going ... praying for heavenly comfort &
feelings of peace ... Love, Charlene & Dick*

Charlene Young - December 20, 2016 at 02:20 PM

MC

“ Thinking of you Karen. You know they are rolling dice for coffee up there and of course arguing about politics!!!! He was a very sweet man who will be missed.

Marsha Chambers - December 20, 2016 at 10:57 AM

EG

“ So sorry for your loss Tina and family. God be with you and those great memories keep you strong through this time of sadness.

Elizabeth Giacomelli - December 19, 2016 at 10:52 PM

JS

“ I can almost write a book on the adventures I got to share with this man. From about the age of 12 hunting in Schumeyer to sponsoring me in the Yreka Fire Dept., to hours in the bowling alley. To the entire Shipman family thanks for sharing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your duties are done Chief, will take it from here.. Joe Suter

joe suter - December 19, 2016 at 08:59 PM

GS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Karen and all of The family at this very difficult time. Dick was a great human and Del thought the world of him. He was always so kind to us. He will be missed by many. Love to all of you. Grace Shaffer

Grace Shaffer - December 19, 2016 at 07:07 PM



“ Dear Karen and family(I know so many of you) this saddens me so very, very much. Dick was a very special man who always had a smile and just a good word and just so much fun to be around. Loved bowling with him in leagues, tournaments, trips to Reno, etc. He will be greatly missed.

Kathy Perdue - December 19, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ This saddens me :(he was a client here at Farmers insurance and when he would come in to pay a bill he always ask me so what do you think Hillary will do for a job after she loses the seat? He had many ideas some I could not mention, and he always left saying well I got to go Glad you got to see me. he will be very missed.

Annie Vulyak - December 19, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Girdner Funeral Chapel - December 19, 2016 at 02:28 PM