



## Richard "Dick" Montague

September 24, 1931 - May 8, 2014

Richard "Dick" Montague, age 82, passed away on May 8, 2014, in Medford, Oregon after a brief illness. He was a ten year resident of rural Montague, California.

Dick was born to Richard and Joyce Montague on September 24, 1931 in Whittier, California. He married Doris Podmore on February 21, 1952, and the couple began their lives together in San Luis Obispo, California, where Dick received a degree in Animal Husbandry at California State Polytechnic College.

Dick was a life-long cattle rancher in Pullman, Washington; Hemet, California; and forty-three years in Paso Robles, California. In 1991 he was named Outstanding Seed Stock Producer by the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association, and in 2000 he was San Luis Obispo County Cattleman of the Year. Dick was well known for his contribution as a fifteen-year 4-H leader and President of the County Council, Farm Bureau President, Chairman of the San Luis Obispo County Agriculture Task Force, and the Native Tree Committee. He enjoyed off-road racing, RV travel, history, and, in recent years, played a vital role as a volunteer in the Montague Depot Museum.

Dick is survived by his wife of 62 years, Doris; his son, Monty and Rebecca of Yuma, Arizona; his daughter, Dale Bulaski of Las Vegas, Nevada; his daughter, Dawn Stemper and Les of Paso Robles, California; 7 grandchildren, and 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marian Worthy.

At his own request, there will be no services. Donations may be made in Dick's memory to the Montague Depot Museum, c/o City of Montague, Montague, California, 96064. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family throughout this difficult time, and online condolences may be made at [www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com](http://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ We were all so saddened to hear of Dick's passing. You gave Joy her first job oh so many summers ago! Today is her first day as principal of Fort Jones Elementary School. Vanessa is a Social worker in Portland OR. Sadly Terry passed away in April of 2012, so I have first hand knowledge of the difficult transition you are going through Time does not take the pain away and grief is a process, but hopefully the wonderful memories will eventually make your journey more bearable. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you certainly made robbing a train more enjoyable!

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**Carol Weekley** - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Doris and Monty, So sorry to read about Dick--You all were such a big part of the Montague Community for so long. He will be missed by many. Prayers for you two. Sincerely, Sheri

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**Sharon Graves** - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ A fine gentleman. You will be missed. Trains and Jeeps are waiting in heaven for your pleasure Dick.

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**Terry Bulaski** - May 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Doris, and Family, We were sad to hear of Dick's Passing but know that Heaven Delights in his Homecoming. Memories of our RV time spent together with you both always brings us joy. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Always, Janis & Gary Martin

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**Janis** - May 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a blessing for Bullshipper to be such a huge part of our desert family, always there for the Wed mountain rides, helping out on the potlucks, racing in the Skunk Holler racing..... bringing your cookies wherever he went. What a loss. You are all in our thoughts & prayers, God bless, we love you, Slobberjaws Bob & Vixen Mary*

May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doris, Craig and I are deeply sadden by the news of Dick's passing. We have great respect of the both of you, and will hold you in our thoughts.*

**Craig** - May 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sad to read of Dick's passing. You were such wonderful neighbors and friends to us as we made our move to Paso. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers*

**Donna and Ce** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *A MAN OF TRUE GRIT AND A MAN OF HIS WORD . IT WAS OUR BLESSING TO HAVE KNOWN HIM AND TO HAVE HIS TRUST.MAY PEACE BE WITH ALL OF HIS FAMILY.*

**BRIAN** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to you and your family.*

**Marcia Perry** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ I am sad to hear of the loss of your Dad and Husband. Please know that you are being remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Elena Albaugh** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Doris, Monty, Dale and Dawn, I was sad to learn about your husband, your father, my uncle and I hope you're all doing well. I have always been proud to have the name Montague as part of my heritage and I thank Uncle Dick for his tenacious interest and research in the history, the lineage and the towns named Montague. Take good care of each other!

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**Jane Worthy** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Doris our condolence go out to you and your family. You are in our thought and prayers. He will surely be missed by all. A big hug from jack and I.

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**Cathy Johnson** - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM