



Robert Leland Bly

July 13, 1932 - March 18, 2026

Former Yreka resident Robert Leland Bly passed away on March 18, 2026 in Ridgefield, Washington. Robert was born in 1932 in Santa Cruz, California to Albert and Betty Bly. He grew up alongside his two brothers, Cass and Bert, on California's central coast, where he developed a love for surfing and excelled as an athlete, particularly in track.

During the Korean War, Bob served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa. After completing his service, he returned home and earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Cal Poly

Bob began his engineering career with FMC Engineering before returning to Santa Cruz to work for the Pete Muttersbach Company. He later moved to Fresno, where he worked for the Fred Carr Company on the California Aqueduct project. In 1969, he answered an ad for Olson and Associates, an engineering and surveying firm in Yreka, California. He became a partner in the firm and moved his family there, making Yreka his home for more than 50 years. He concluded his career serving as the City Engineer for Yreka.

Bob is survived by his wife, Diane: a son and daughter from his first marriage; two sons from his second marriage; a stepson and stepdaughter from his marriage to Diane; and his younger brother, Bert.

The last 20 years of his life were spent with Diane. Together, they shared a love of fishing, biking, boating, traveling with their trailer and spending time with family and friends.

Bob was fun-loving, well-liked, and made friends wherever he went. He lived a

full and active life and will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

Tribute Wall

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Robert Leland Bly - April 14 at 12:00 AM