



Robert Dais

May 7, 1921 - December 6, 2014

Robert Dais, longtime Siskiyou County resident, passed away of natural causes on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

Robert was born on May 7, 1921 in Red Bluff, and was 93 years old at the time of his death. His family moved to McCloud in 1925 where his father took work with the McCloud River Railroad. He attended McCloud schools, and graduated from McCloud High School in 1939. He served with the United States Navy during World War II.

At the end of the war, Robert entered college at Chico State University, graduating in 1948 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. In 1956, he earned his Master's Degree in Education from Chico State University, and further continued his studies at Columbia University in New York.

Robert returned to McCloud where he began his teaching career at McCloud Elementary. In 1954, he and his family moved to Yreka where he took a position with the Siskiyou County Office of Education. Robert initially served as a financial and administrative consultant to Siskiyou County schools and later held the position of Assistant County Superintendent of Schools for thirteen (13) years. In 1973 he was appointed Siskiyou County Superintendent of Schools and served in that position for twelve (12) years until his retirement in 1985.

With a dedicated service of 37 years to the students and fellow educators of Siskiyou County, Robert was instrumental in many of the educational reforms that are in place today. Robert collaborated with author and fellow educator Stan Balfrey's published work, "History of the Schools of Siskiyou County" which serves as one of the most accurate historical resources available today on education in Siskiyou County.

Robert was an avid golfer and would travel to McCloud twice a week to golf with his McCloud friends. He enjoyed going to the Coast in his motorhome and crabbing and would look forward to his annual fishing trip to Juneau, Alaska.

Robert served on the Board of Directors of the McCloud Golf Club and the Siskiyou Opportunity Center; was a member of Phi Delta Kappa Honor Fraternity, and a life member of the California Teachers' Association and the National Educators' Association. He also served 9 years on the State Council of Education, chairing the committee for 7 years.

He is survived by his three children, Robin (Ray) Watson, Lani (Allen) Milovich of Yreka, and Robert (Karen) Dais of Underwood, Washington. He has six grandchildren, Cyndi Fitzgerald, Stacie Maynard, Jason Cairns, Kendra Randall, Ryan Dais, and Christine Cooke, and thirteen great grandchildren. In 1976, Robert married Mildred Collins, who has shared life with him for the past 38 years.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Emma Dais, and sisters, Melvina Kirk and Isabel Dais.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka at 1:00 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life gathering at the Yreka RV Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3434
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

Tribute Wall

SG

“ To the Dais family, We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Mom worked for him for many years of our growing up years and he was always so good to us, especially the fun trips to the McCloud swimming pool in the summer. Mom really wanted to be here for the service, but is in assisted living in Redding and it is hard for her to make the trip at the age of 91. But I cried with her yesterday and promised to be there for her today, so she will be there in spirit. We loved him well. From the Edith Lea Aldridge family

Sheri Lea Graves - December 11, 2014 at 01:10 PM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Dais.*



December 10, 2014 at 03:07 PM

GO

“ *Very sorry to hear of Robert's passing. My memories of Bob we of that great smile! I met Bob through my Dad Clark ODell when we first moved to the area.*

Best wishes from Gary ODell, Portland OR.

Gary ODell - December 10, 2014 at 01:03 AM

BB

“ Dear Robin, Lani, and Bobby,

Where do I begin to share my memories of your dad. I don't remember being without Bob. He was always there for us, helping Dad and laughing at Mom. I have a wonderful picture of Jerry Edwards, my dad and your dad in the county car with a flat tire. Jerry was changing the tire, and my dad and your dad were watching and bossing. Bob always called my dad "Governor". My mom and dad loved him so much. I hope he knew how much Bevie and I loved him. He was a loving and wonderful man. We love you three, too.

Love you,

Barbie and Bevie Roberts

Barbie Roberts Bazemore - December 09, 2014 at 11:00 PM

LH

“ *To the entire Dais Family.....We are so sorry for your loss. Bob was such an integral part of the educational system in Yreka and for that we should all be very proud. I had the most delightful conversation with him this past summer, he asked about everyone in our family and was just as sharp as ever. And his sense of humor and those sparkly eyes were still there as always. Bobby and I were very good friends in high school. We both went on to become teachers and I would like to think that Bob Dais was a huge influence on that decision. His legacy will remain and be filtered down through the next generations. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you during this difficult time,
Much love,
Les and Laurie Helsley and family*

Laura Helsley - December 09, 2014 at 12:54 PM