



Robert Eugene Lightle

September 20, 1928 - November 18, 2020

A Montague cowboy, Robert (Bob) Lightle was called home on November 18, 2020. He passed away peacefully at the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka at the age of 92. Bob was born on September 20, 1928 in Hollister, Missouri to John and Susie Lightle. He and his family moved to Oroville in 1939 where he attended Oroville Elementary School and Oroville High School. He always had a job somewhere growing up and liked the money in his pocket. After high school Bob went into the logging/lumber industry and owned his own sawmill, Wildcat Lumber Company, in Happy Camp at the age of 24.

In 1949, Bob met and married the love of his life, Betty King. They were married for 57 years and she was always his secretary/bookkeeper until their retirement. They moved their sawmill to Bridgeville, CA in 1956 and stayed in the lumber industry until 1961 at which time he moved to Montague and became a rancher. A few years later he met Larry Graves and became lifelong partners in Frontier Real Estate and Frontier Construction.

Bob loved to hunt, especially in Idaho and went every year from 1957 to 2015. A hunting cabin was built by Bob, Larry Graves and Wes Graves and is still owned by the Lightle/Graves family today. He also loved to spend time in the Marble Mountains with family and friends. Bob loved working with horses and was involved with team roping for many years with his roping partner, Stan Cooley. He was very active in the Montague Community, being involved with

the Shasta Valley Community Club, Montague Variety Show, Montague Little League, Shasta Valley Trail Riders, Montague Junior Rodeo and was a member of the Siskiyou County Sheriff Posse Drill Team.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Marsha Chambers (Dave); sons Mike Smith (Ronda), Bobby Lightle and John Lightle (Christal). He was "Papa" to Robbie Goode, Shannon O'Quinn, Jeff Egeline, Erin Abold, Jason Smith, Megan Wright, Amy Hahn, Lisa Gilbert, Laina Atwood, Brandi Lightle and Amber Lightle. He leaves many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He also leaves his brothers, Richard and Herb Lightle of Oroville and brother in law and his wife, Charles and Pat King of Fortuna. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his parents and 12 brothers and sisters.

He had many wonderful friends in the Montague/Yreka area. He was surrounded by great neighbors and cherished the friendships of the Hagedorn Family and Greenley Family. The family wants to thank his caregivers, Sue Koop, Jilly Cook and Linda Johnson.

A family graveside service will be held November 23rd at the Little Shasta Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097. Online condolences may be made at www.girchnerfuneralchapel.com.

Dad, go rest high on that mountain, your work on earth is done.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies to Marsha, Bobby, John and your families! Uncle Bob will forever hold a special place in my heart as do all of you. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead knowing he lived well and loved you all so very much.*



Joanna - November 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for the family's loss. What a wonderful man he was. He will be missed.* 🙏🙏🙏

Cindy Towne - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM