



Robert James Rainey

January 24, 1952 - January 8, 2026

Lifelong Horse Creek resident, Robert Rainey, passed away on January 8, 2026 at his home with his loving wife by his side.

Robert James Rainey was born to Clarence and Inez Rainey of Horse Creek on January 24th, 1952, in Yreka, California. He was raised with his three sisters in Horse Creek, where he would live to raise his own family. Growing up on the ranch, Bobby's childhood consisted of long summers putting up hay to feed cows in the winter, cowboying in the high country alongside his family, and he played a big role in restoring the family ranch following the infamous 1964 flood. As a young boy, Bobby could oftentimes be found playing with his trucks in the dirt, menacing with his cousin Gary and lifelong friend Andy Stone. He spent many hours visiting his Grandma Grace, and even learned to sew on her old treadle sewing machine.

Bobby graduated high school with the class of 1970, and after a year employed with the forest service, he found himself logging, working for Chick Lucas.

In 1980, Bobby fell in love with Trudy Callick, and they were married August 7th, 1982. The two became parents the summer of 1987. Laura would be the first of four children, with Charles born two years later in 1989, Casey in 1991, and Melinda to complete the family in 1993. By this time, Bobby was back on the ranch, working alongside his father, and raising his kids on the same soil he and his sisters had been the generation before.

In 2019, Bobby and Trudy became grandparents, and they found a new love

one would dream about. With eight grandbabies and one on the way, Bobby felt like he was on top of the world; his grandkids were his pride and joy. He looked forward to spending his time with them, and held those moments close.

Robert Rainey was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of almost 44 years, his children: Laura Crowder of Montague, Charles (Meranda) Rainey of Horse Creek, Casey Rainey of Horse Creek, and Melinda (Hunter) Wheeler, of Montague; grandkids Rowyn (6), Grace (5), Hadley (4), Naomi (3), Jordie (3), Wesley (2), Jensen (1), Cora (4 months), and one arriving in May; he is also survived by his sisters Kathy Twidwell, Sandra Reid, Linda Isbell, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Arrangements for Robert's Celebration of Life have been made for Saturday, January 24th at 1:00 p.m. at the Horse Creek Community Church.

Tribute Wall

WG

“ Weve known Robert (Bobby) Rainey since he was a young boy. My husband Robert Gust lived down the creek from them and when we married we both got to know him well. He was a sweet guy and we shall miss him. Our prayers are with his family. Bob and Wanda Gust

Wanda Gust - April 12 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ So sorry for this great loss! Bobby Rainey was a good man & he will surely be missed! Joaquin & Gypsy DeLaLuz

Gypsy Delaluz - March 02 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ My sincere condolence's to his family.

Danielle Lindler - January 19 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Im so sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family

Dan Best - January 19 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I am sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. Praying for you all.

Denver Johnston - January 18 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ So sorry to read this. My condolences to the Rainey family.

Teresa Beatty - January 18 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My condolences his family* 🙏



Marsha Farley - January 17 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. His smile and laugh was so infectious. He will be missed.*

Bob and Peg King

Bob and Peg King - January 17 at 12:00 AM

NY

“ *My condolences to the family.* 🙏

Norma Young - January 17 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *So very sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with your families.*

Judy Robinson - January 17 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *We are so sorry for your tremendous loss. Bobby was a really great person. He always had a smile on his face and always enjoyed visiting with people. Our thoughts go out to Trudy, his children, family, and his friends. It's a terrible loss. He will not be forgotten.*

Joyce Hammon - January 17 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am sorry to hear this. Sending love to all of you.

Malinda Mindy Restine - January 16 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry, sending ❤️ and hugs.

Susie Brown - January 16 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. There were so many good times with my cousins at Horse Creek. Bobby fought a tough battle and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Cheryl Miller - January 16 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Condolences to the Rainey family. So sorry for your loss.

Beverly AndBarbara Gust - January 16 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Condolences to the family.

Susan G Register Bodnar - January 16 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Condolences to the Rainey Family.

Rose Harris - January 16 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ A fine man who always had a smile

The Schmidts - January 16 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My condolences*

Marsha Farley - January 16 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *My condolences* 🙏

Catherine Olivolo - January 16 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Praying for his family*

Kathy Sherman Preszler - January 16 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Prayers to all of your family Amanda Rainey*

Rachelle Ren - January 16 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Our condolences to the Rainey family* ❤️

Laurie Greenwood Helsley - January 16 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Thoughts and prayers to everyone. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Paula Langlo - January 16 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Sorry to hear this! Sorry for your loss!*

Rick Hood - January 16 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Sorry for your loss*

Jerry Crownover - January 16 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *So very sorry* 

Sherry Glendenning - January 16 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *So very sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with your families.*

Kathy Hagedorn - January 16 at 12:00 AM

AR

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




A Memorial Tree was planted for Robert James Rainey - January 16 at 12:00 AM

DT

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Donna Kleaver Thompson - January 16 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *So sorry for your loss*   

Dar Fleck - January 16 at 12:00 AM