



Robert "Rob" Ritola

August 10, 1953 - November 27, 2011

Robert "Rob" Ritola passed away on November 27, 2011, while vacationing with his wife, Kim, of thirty-five years on Beachcomber Island, Fiji. Rob was 58.

Rob was born to Robert Andrew Ritola and June Leitaker on August 10, 1953 (both deceased) and raised in Humboldt County moving to Susanville, California, in 1963. He graduated from Lassen High School in 1972, joined the US Navy and was honorably discharged in 1975. Rob married Kimberly Pence in 1976 and they have made their home with their two daughters Deana and Bobbie in Siskiyou County for the past 26 years. Robert was a hard working rancher and avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt, farm, work wood and give his "Pooh Bear (Kim)" a hard time. He was employed by the Department of Corrections for 28 years until his medically mandated retirement in 2006 due to the incapacitating affects of multiple strokes. Since his retirement he and Kim have traveled to South Africa, Hawaii, Alaska, Arizona, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and anywhere warm! Rob enjoyed computer games, Facebook and his grandchildren Kylie, Bryce and Colton. Rob is survived by his beloved wife, best friend and working buddy Kim; daughter Deana Bowen and son-in-law Branden of Ft. Jones their 3 children and unborn child; daughter Bobbie and her unborn child of Monterey; sister LeeAnn McCoy and brother-in-law Kevin McCoy of Phoenix, Arizona; from Susanville brother Jay Ritola and sister-in-law, Cathy; step-parents Curt and Linda Leitaker; step-brothers Karl and Curtis Leitaker their wives Cathleen

and Vicky; stepsisters Chele Damuth and her husband Don from Spearfish, SD and Maj. Tami Meyers of Florida and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside services will be held December 17, 2011, at Ft. Jones Cemetery at 1:00 pm with a "Celebration of Life" reception held immediately after at the Catholic Parish Hall, Ft. Jones. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Stroke Foundation - Stroke Research (strokeassociation.org) or Fairchild Medical Center Foundation (fairchildfoundation.org).