



Ronald Johnnie Bennett

July 15, 1936 - March 16, 2022

Longtime Scott Valley resident, Ronald Johnnie Bennett, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2022 at 85 years of age.

Ron was born on July 15, 1936 in Red Bluff to Alva Wistman Bennett and Dorothy Myrtle Fillingim Bennett. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Roberta (Bobbi); children Rob (Jeannie) Bennett of Nenana, Alaska, Dave (Robin) Bennett of Reno, Nevada, John (Lori) Bennett of Dorris, California and Lee Ann (Gilbert) Birdinground of Medford, Oregon. He is also survived by grandchildren Andra Bennett, Allie (Troy) Newton, Daniel Bennett, Kimberley (Ricardo) Samaguey, Will (Chelsea) Bennett, Mike (Katelyn) Bennett, Nick (Lydia) Bennett, Madisyn Ingle, Jordyn Ingle, Caden Ingle and Kenai Birdinground and nine great-grandchildren.

After graduating from Susanville High School, Ron attended Chico State University for one year. Upon the death of his grandfather, Barney Fillingim, he returned to Bieber, California to help his grandmother Bessie with the family ranch. It was in Big Valley a couple months later he met Bobbi and they married the following year on December 22, 1956. The couple made their home on the family ranch in Big Valley and soon after Ron began his lifelong career in the logging industry working for the Monchamp family.

Ron and Bobbi sold the family ranch in Bieber and moved to Scott Valley in 1973. There he operated his own logging operation and built the first of two homes in Scott Valley. Ron loved living in the Quartz Valley area of Scott Valley, saying "the perfect climate was where the white and black oaks meet".

During the 1980s Ron developed a passion for raising and driving Belgian horses. He and Bobbi traveled to draft horse events and bought his beloved Belgian stud, Emi. Ron especially enjoyed logging with his working team, Jim and John. In retirement Ron and Bobbi moved a bit down Quartz Valley Road and built a home on Belgian Lane.

Ron was a member of the Big Valley Unified school board and the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps board. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, working in the woods and his draft horses. Ron also loved gardening; he collected heirloom seeds and grew plants and vegetables for all he knew. He and Bobbi are members of the Scott Valley Gem & Mineral Society (the rock club) and enjoyed rock hounding trips.

A service in Ron's memory will be held on Thursday, March 31, 10:00 am, at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Bobbi Bennett*

Lee Ann Birdinground - March 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ronnie and my Dad (Jim Wayman) Were good friends. We lived in Big Valley and they helped each other . We have great memories of growing up with them and their children . Dad had the opportunity to visit with them at their home in Jones Valley when I played in basketball tournament . The Wayman's send their prayers and Ronnie will always have a special place in our ❤️ Love Myra Wayman Leber , Kay Wayman Armstrong, Tom and Donny Wayman 🙏*

Myra leber - March 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *My memory of this couple was Kidder Creek Auctions. Prayer hugs to Bobby and her family.*

Preszler Kathy - March 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Bill & Mindy Hill - March 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ronald Johnnie Bennett - March 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM