



Spud Koon

April 4, 1946 - January 18, 2012

Spud Koon passed away on Wednesday, January 18th, from terminal brain cancer. He was born on April 4, 1946, in Clearwater, Florida. He lived in Florida until moving to Siskiyou County in 1981, where he, his wife, and two children settled in Montague to ranch.

Spud had many occupations over his working life. He worked for Largo Police Department and then for General Telephone Company in Florida. After ranching here, where he was very active in Farm Bureau and Cattlemen, he worked in Elko, NV, in the gold mines. His last fifteen years of work were for Operating Engineers paving highways, and he retired in 2008.

Spud loved life, especially sports. He was passionate about golf and later tennis. Motorcycles were part of his life, too. In his younger years he raced in Enduros and short track. Out here, he enjoyed his Harley! This past summer he, his wife and a couple friends went on his dream motorcycle vacation traveling about 4600 miles.

He loved his family dearly. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother and papa. He leaves his wife of 46 years, Kathy; son, Jamie and fiancé Nickey Autry; daughter Teresa and husband Erik Bennett, and granddaughter, Teagan Rose; sister FayLynn Koon of Cleveland, OH; and brother Bruce and sister-in-law Diane of Tampa, FL.

Spud touched many hearts through his work with youth and his many friends. Remember his passion for life and cherish your memories of him.

The Celebration of his Life will be held on Sunday, January 29th, at 1 p.m., at

Montague Community Hall. It will be a potluck with meat provided. If you would like to bring a dish, please contact Blair Loftus at 905-0865.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to give a donation, please choose one of the following: Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka 96097; Friends of Hibbard Field, P.O.Box 1705, Yreka; and Shasta Valley Wolves c/o 8409 Lower Little Shasta Rd. Montague 96064.