



Vera Rae Clement

February 20, 1926 - March 4, 2021

Siskiyou County born resident, Vera Rae Clement, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on March 4th, 2021, at Madrone Hospice in Yreka. She was 95 years young. Vera lived a full and active life, was very loved and will be missed by her family and friends.

Vera was born to Roland and Eunice Dexter on February 20th, 1926, one minute and 2 seconds after her sister, Verna, at Siskiyou General Hospital in Yreka.

The twins grew up on the family ranch north of Montague raising sheep, cattle, hogs, chickens, grain, alfalfa, and grass. They attended the Shasta River School and were in the first class at the brand new Montague Elementary School (current Montague City Hall), completing their education at Yreka Union High School in 1944.

In high school, during World War II, the sisters volunteered for the USO at Camp White in Medford, Oregon entertaining the soldiers as talented singers and dancers.

Vera lived for a short time in Milwaukie, Wisconsin (as she put it... "to keep an eye on her new soldier brother-in-law"). She returned home to the ranch to raise her two daughters, Carolyn and Christina, and son, Christopher.

Albert Clement and Vera Havens eloped to Reno, Nevada in 1954. When they returned, they moved from their respective residences to the ranch house between the Dexter and Clement ranches to start raising a family together.

In her early years she was active in the Montague Methodist Church playing the piano for all occasions, teaching Sunday School and sharing her musical experiences with her children as they sang and danced to their mothers talented piano playing. In her later years she attended the Yreka United Methodist Church with her family (4 generations).

Vera was always involved with her children, grandchildren and great grandchild, ready for any sport, school, 4-H or FFA activity. She was a 4-H Community Leader, Officer and member of the Montague Garden Club, Neighbors of Woodcraft and a fixture of the Montague PTA Varsity Shows, directing, singing and dancing. She was active in the Siskiyou County Sportsman's Association, a voting inspector at the Montague Precinct for over 40 years, member of the Board of Directors at Fairchild Medical Center and United Scholarships, Inc. Vera also spent many summers preparing entries in grain, canning, floral, photos, fruits, vegetables and hay for the Siskiyou Golden Fair.

Vera brought ranch life to schools as a member of the Siskiyou County Cattlewomen's Association and was honored to receive Cattlewoman of the Year, Pioneer Woman of the Year and the Lifetime Membership Award.

Another highlight of Vera's life was riding in the many cattle drives and parades in the area. She was a member of the Backcountry Horsemen, Trail Riders and Shasta Valley Community Club Team Penners, where every Thursday night in spring and summer you could find her at the Montague Rodeo grounds giving the young riders some stiff competition for the jackpot

and awards.

She loved drawing funny animal cartoons, usually about ranch life. They always made the postal employees laugh when she drew them on envelopes. She also loved hunting and fishing with family and friends. The buck she shot by herself gave her bragging rights and hung in a place of honor over the dinner table, literally.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Clement; son, Christopher Havens; sister, Verna Thomas (Jerry Thomas); young nephew and niece, Donny and Margie Thomas; parents Roland and Eunice Dexter; three brothers-in-law, Eddie Clement (Tressie Clement), Lionel Clement (Florence Clement) and Paul Clement.

Vera is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Houghton and Christina Holley; granddaughters, Jodi Aceves (Mike Aceves) and Julie Harding (Mike Harding); and great granddaughter, Lauren Aceves.

All are welcome in the Celebration of Vera's Life! This is planned for Saturday, July 17th, 2021, at the Montague Community Hall at 12:30 PM. Meat provided: salads, deserts and side dishes welcome.

If memorial expressions would like to be sent, the family requests them to be sent to the Forever 4-H Siskiyou County Endowment (Siskiyou County 4-H, 1655 S. Main Street, Yreka) or Madrone Hospice Inc. (255 Collier Cir., Yreka).

Tribute Wall



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Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 04:10 PM

PP

“ Prays to your family. A life well lived.

Pat A Parsons - June 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Quite a lady she was!!!❤️❤️❤️

Donna Kleaver Thompson - June 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.



Gail & Bill Schmidt - June 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I'll never forget racing down the beach on horseback with her. She became my idol then.

Penny Wells-Thomas - June 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear. She was a true lady.

Sharlet Brown - June 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Such a kind and sweet person. Condolences to her family.

Denise Hunt - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Such a lovely person...

Erin McKee Fowle - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Such a wonderful person may she Rest In Peace ❤️ 🙏

Larry Dancer - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Truly a remarkable lady. I miss her so much. Hugs to all.

Janice Rushton - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ Vera Clement was a true blessing to my wife Debbie and I. Our lives were made richer and fuller because of her friendship. While our time with Vera was a short twenty years, we experienced a wonderful person; a true western lady; her stories and her memories will always be a part of my life in Siskiyou County. R.I.P., Vera, keep an eye on Debbie for me, I'll be there when my chores are through. 😭🙏👍

Bob Young - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Vera was a very special lady. I am so glad I got to know her through CattleWomen. She made the best beans ever, was always there to help, and was always cheerful and smiling. I will miss seeing her at SCCW meetings and events. My deepest condolences to all of you.
Lynne Bryan

Lynne Bryan - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I'm so sorry to hear. She was & always will be an awesome lady!
RIP Vera.

Tracy Axton - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Last f the frontier ranch ranch women she reminded me of my grandmother and mother, that she told me that she knew. Ride into the sunset cowgirl.

Philip Porter - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Oh how heartbreaking. One of the sweetest ladies ever.

Trish Buckalew - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ One of a kind remarkable lady. She will be missed.

Karen Healy Eller - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ One of a kinda. Vera, I hope you rest in peace. You will not be forgotten. ❤️

Angie Robert MC - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ One of my favorite ladies at the fair.....Sending warm hugs to all.

Rebecca Desmond - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AC

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Vera Rae Clement - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I was privileged to know Vera in her last year of life. I assisted her with every day tasks as needed. We exchanged many tails of fond riding adventures. She loved her horses as I do. Vera was an inspiration to me she showed me there was life after the '70s. I am sure she went to "Horse Haven "

Anne-Marie Pinter - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ A special lady always a smile and a story condolance to her family

Grace Bennett - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Absolutely one of the nicest people I ever met. Grand lady!
Condolences to her family.

Linda Keno - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Bob Young

Janice Rushton - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I have known Vera most of my life. She is a Montague treasure.
Rest In Peace Vera!!!

Marsha Chambers - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I loved this lady like a mother. She will be greatly missed.

Loretta Healy - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I thought she would live forever.

Roy Smith - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ I'm so sorry to hear this...she was a fine lady.

Steve Young - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Rest In Peace sweet lady. You will be missed.

Tracy Louie - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ She was a heck of a lady

Matt Wilson - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ She was a true horsewoman. Loved and respected!

Sue Smith - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ So loved by so many people

Bob Schultz - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ So sad she was a wonderful lady

Dolly Rizzardo - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sad to see this I helped take care of her a few years back she was always a kick to be around. I really enjoyed her! She taught me a lot about horses 🐾. RIP Vera!

Megan Sarmento - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM