

Obituary

Elmer Leroy "Roy" Ferry, Jr.

Elmer Leroy "Roy" Ferry, Jr. 83, of Alturas, California passed away peacefully January 23, 2022 at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno, NV, following a brief illness.

Roy was born July 23, 1938 to Elmer L. "Red" Ferry and Fern Alice Holcomb-Ferry in San Jose, CA. Growing up, Roy lived and worked on the family ranch in Anderson, California until his graduation from Anderson High School. Roy then attended Shasta College where he tried his hand at boxing. In 1958 Roy married the love of his life Ardith L. "Ardie" Edwards-Ferry and they remained together for 64 years. Next, Roy attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California where he ran a school housing unit and roped calves. Roy graduated Cal Poly in 1962, having completed the 12 week "Horseshoeing" course, and acquired a Bachelor's degree in Animal Husbandry, as well as two sons and a daughter on the way.

Following graduation, Roy returned to Anderson, California in 1962, where he became a field appraiser for the Tehama County Assessor's Office and an inheritance tax appraiser for the State of California. Roy also shod horses and assisted on the family ranch during this time. Roy then left the county job and joined the Federal Land Bank, Red Bluff office, where he became an agricultural appraiser and lender. In 1967, Roy moved to Alturas, CA to manage the Alturas office of the Federal Land Bank. Weekends were often spent helping local ranchers and Roy especially loved branding calves and roping at the Likely Roping Club where he won several awards. In 1972, Roy purchased a ranch in Likely, California, but continued to manage the Federal Land Bank office in Alturas.

Roy left the Federal Land Bank in 1985, after his job had grown to manage the five northern California counties for the Federal Land Bank, as well as the Production Credit Association. At this time Roy started RMS where he did Ranch Management Services and appraisals. In 1988, he received his Real Estate Broker's license and added those services to RMS. In 2003, Roy sold his



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ranch in Likely and moved back to Alturas, where he continued operating RMS until his retirement in 2019, close to his 80th birthday.

Roy was always very community minded. Roy enjoyed shooting trap and skeet where he also won many awards at competitions. When it was likely the equipment was going to be sold and the range shut down in Alturas, Roy and a friend, the late Peter Lew, purchased the equipment. Roy managed the range for approximately 20 years then, having acquired the other half of the equipment, he donated all of the equipment to the Alturas Rifle and Pistol Club. With another friend, the late Mel Berry, Roy was instrumental in starting the Masten Ramsey Stockhorse Jubilee, of which any profits are used for Modoc County Youth, and Roy served on the first board of directors. Roy also helped restart the Cedarville Junior Rodeo and initiated the Modoc County Cattleman of the Year award. Roy served as a member, commissioner, and director for the Likely Fire Department. He was an Elks member and a Modoc County Sheriff's Posse member for well over 40 years and remained active in both, past president of the Alturas Chamber of Commerce, Modoc County Fair Board Director, 4-H beef leader, and a long-time ring man at the Junior Livestock Auction. One of his proudest moments came in 2017, when Roy and Ardie were selected Grand Marshals for the 2017 Fandango Days.

Roy is survived by his wife Ardie Ferry of Alturas; sister and brother-in-law Joy and Gary Crabtree of Pittsburg, CA; brother Dan Ferry of Anderson, CA; son and daughter-in-law Ed and Kelley Ferry of Alturas; son and daughter-in-law Rod and Jessie Ferry of Lakeview, OR; daughter Laurie Ferry of Reno, NV; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren. Roy was preceded in death by both parents and sister June Zupher of San Diego, CA.

At this time only a private family service is planned as Roy would not want any of his friends developing COVID for his sake. The family hopes to have a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Modoc County Sheriff's Posse, Alturas Elks, Modoc County Cattlemen's Association, or the charity of your choice.

Services

Carol Ann Heryford

Carol's service will be on January 27, 2022 at the Mormon Church in Cedarville at 11:00 a.m. with burial to follow.

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