



Curtis Duane Pendergraft

December 1, 1947 - October 22, 2024

Curtis Duane Pendergraft, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and cousin passed away on October 22, 2024 after a long hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 76, just shy of his 77th birthday. Born to Warren Kenneth Pendergraft and Alice Jean Pendergraft (Cowden), Curtis dedicated his life to hard work and his family. Curt was born on December 1st, 1947, in San Jose, California. He grew up in Cupertino, went to Homestead High School and attended some college where he enjoyed studying geology. As he grew up, Curtis spent many summers in rural Missouri visiting his grandparents and from, this his love of horses, farm, and ranch life developed and remained throughout his life.

A veteran of the Air Force, Curtis served in Vietnam. After serving in the military, he worked tirelessly in a variety of areas, often juggling multiple jobs to provide for his loved ones. His varied work included roles at Johns Manville, as a U.S. postal worker and as a horse farrier, all reflecting his steadfast commitment and resilience.

In 1976, Curtis made his way from the Bay Area to the small community of Richfield in Corning. He was a true cowboy at heart, finding joy in riding horses and caring for animals. He had a passion for gardening and was an avid sports fan. He dabbled in the accordion and the harmonica, but he mostly loved to play the guitar and sing. He loved sitting down and having a good

conversation while rocking in his chair. He cherished the ten acres he called home, where he embraced the simple pleasures of life.

Most importantly, Curtis treasured his family, he felt this was his best accomplishment. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Deedee, and their seven children: Gideon, Dani Fivecoat (James), James Pendergraft (Meagan), Sami Zullo (Jesse), Billy Pendergraft (Elisa), Adam Pendergraft (Haley), and Darcie Harmon (Andrew). He is also survived by his sisters, Janice Carey and Patti White, his brother Richard Pendergraft, and 16 cherished grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and great nieces and nephews.

Curtis will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of love, hard work, and dedication to family will live on in the hearts of all those he touched.

Tribute Wall

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“ Was sad to hear of your passing. My deepest condolences to your dear family. Rest in Peace



Pamela Holden - January 02, 2025 at 09:06 PM

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“ Uncle Curtis has and will forever be embedded in my heart. As I spent my winters and summers as a child with the family, he taught me more than I every knew. It wasn't until a young adult that I discovered the valuable life lessons that are easily traced back to his way of thinking and core principles on family. A one of a kind soul that lives on through everyone he has embraced.

Jonathan Baker - November 06, 2024 at 08:25 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Curtis held a special place in my heart. He always said his family meant the world to him and was so very proud of each and every one of his kids. Curtis was Curtis and never changed or tried to conform to anything other than his own expectations. I truly admired him for that. My last time seeing him he welcomed me to visit and wish I had. He always made me feel welcome. May your family be blessed with fond memories and peace with the love he had for all of you.

Nancy Brown - November 04, 2024 at 06:25 PM