



Farrell Lee Shatswell

February 2, 1935 - November 17, 2023

Farrell Lee Shatswell, 88, of Red Bluff, passed away on the morning of November 17, 2023, in Redding, California.

Farrell was born on February 2, 1935, in Checotah, Oklahoma, to Lawrey Farrell Shatswell and Otha Juanita Shatswell (nee Martin). He is the older brother of Patricia Jean Shatswell, and Thomas Joe Shatswell. He moved to Corning, CA, in the 7th grade and was a graduate of Corning Union High School, class of 1953.

Farrell moved to Concord, CA, in 1954 and met the love of his life, Judith Elsmore Rasmussen. They wed in 1955 at the Concord Methodist Church.

Farrell and Judy lived in Brentwood, CA, and had two children together: a son, Clayton Farrell, and a daughter, Stephanie Lee.

Farrell attended the College of the Redwoods and rode in the professional rodeo circuit as a bareback rider until he began employment with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department as a Patrol Deputy in 1960. Known as The Singing Cowboy, he further pursued his passion through ranch work, brandings, team roping, rodeo and guitar playing, and passed on his love of horses by teaching his grandchildren how to ride. Appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2003, Farrell served on the 30th District Agricultural Association, Tehama

District Fair Board of Directors for 20 consecutive years to the present, and was President of the Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) for two years, where his contributions were instrumental in construction of their current DSA Hall.

Some of his favorite years were those spent during his time in law enforcement, and the friends he made there lasted the length of his lifetime. Farrell retired as a patrol sergeant from the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department in 1990, and moved to Red Bluff, CA, to be closer to his daughter and her family.

His father, Lawrey Shatswell, his mother, Juanita Shatswell, and his sister, Patricia Manry, preceded him in death.

Farrell is survived by his wife of 68 years, Judith Shatswell, of Red Bluff, California; his son Clayton Shatswell, of Wylie, Texas; his daughter Stephanie Shatswell Schlereth and her husband Daymon, of Corning, California. Grandchildren Amber Baldwin and her husband Kenneth; Cody Deen and his fiancé Kayla Danielson; Olivia Lohse and her husband Steven; USCG Chief Nolan Schlereth; USCG Chief Jacob Schlereth, USA Warrant Officer 02 Brent Shatswell, and Austin Shatswell. He is also survived by his brother Thomas Shatswell and his wife Roberta, of Concord; honorary son and Oakley Police Department Officer Scott Griggs; and many great-grandchildren.

He sincerely appreciated each and every colleague, rodeo or childhood friend and family member that visited in his later years.

Farrell will be interred with his parents at the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Corning, in a private ceremony with his family. A celebration of life for all those who wish to honor him will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hill Cemetery

4470 Oren ave
Corning, CA 96021

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ *There was nobody in the world like my pop. I miss you... our hearts are broken. I'll love you forever.* ”

Amber Lee - December 10, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Judy and Family, we are sorry for your loss and send prayers for comfort. We'll remember Farrell as a dear friend and will miss him at Cowboy breakfast in Red Bluff...* ”



Mae Roddy - November 22, 2023 at 05:18 AM

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All your southern Cali family are so sorry. We love and miss you.

Sandra Cox (niece) - December 05, 2023 at 06:48 PM