



Warren Alvin Duke Jr.

September 8, 1941 - April 20, 2016

Warren A. Duke, Jr. passed away on April 19, 2016 at the age of 74. He leaves behind his wife Roberta of 41 years.

He was born in San Mateo on Sept. 8, 1941 to the late Warren Duke, Sr. and Alice Oetjen. Warren attended Mountain View High School and graduated from Humboldt State with a B.S. in Fisheries Management. He moved to Corning in 1970 where he worked the bulk of his career as a Fish & Game Warden in Tehama County. In 1976 he moved to Richfield where he resided until his passing.

Warren was a husband, father, artist, cook, camper and fisherman. He loved to be outdoors, whether sitting at the pool or around a campfire. Warren was an avid photographer and his house is adorned with many of his award winning pictures. But his true love was being on the banks of a creek or lake watching a fishing line as the day passed. Warren was known to find the unknown camping & fishing spots and always led the way as the wagon master in a variety of trucks typically licensed "Dad's Wagon". During many camping trips he was the fire starter, pinochle champ, coffee maker and libation partaker.

He retired in 1996 as the most senior warden in the state and was the last to wear the #1 badge. After retirement Warren and Roberta took up competitive Dutch oven cooking where they won many first place awards. Warren's appreciation for wildlife conservation led him to be Chairman of the Corning Ducks Unlimited chapter for several years. While retired he developed a talent

for making intricate wood carvings.

Warren's house was always open to friends and family and was the frequent gathering spot for many celebrations. With a quick wit and loving heart he will be sorely missed by all. He is survived by his daughter Debbie, son Patrick, son-in-law Tom, daughter-in-law Wendy and grandchildren Kyle, Brooke, Laken and Keegan.

A graveside service will be held this Saturday, 4/23/16 at 10:00 am in Corning at Sunset Hill Cemetery followed by a reception at 6060 Alameda Road in Richfield.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hill Cemetery

4470 Oren ave
Corning, CA 96021

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ *My condolences to his family. I remember the first fawn he gave me to rehab. When he came to pick it up to release it, he was amazed how big it was and had to go borrow a dog crate big enough to put him in. Warren was a great person and will be missed by so many and left great memories for a lot of people.*
Mo Wagoner

Maureen Wagoner - April 22, 2016 at 07:19 AM

JS

“ *I first met Warren Duke when he moved into our neighborhood when we were 8 years old. Warren was 3 days older than me and we spent the balance of our elementary school years together. His dad was our scout master and took us on many scouting events in those years in Santa Clara County. I moved away following graduation from Chriddenden School but Warren would visit our ranch in Elk Grove during our high school years.*
When it came time for me to move to Humboldt County I contacted Warren and we became reacquainted in the late 1960s. Throughout our adult life we have visited many times both in Corning and Fortuna. Warren was one of those lifelong friends you knew you could always count on when you needed something. I have to say I will truly miss knowing he would always be there for me. My best to Roberta, Debbie and the other members of Warren's family.
Jim Seiler

Jim Seiler - April 22, 2016 at 12:07 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was such a good person, we thought so much of him. We regret we won't be able to make it to his service but will be thinking of all of you.

Evert & Jean Ann Babb

Jean Babb - April 21, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ Roberta so sorry to hear about Warren, he was an great friend of ours. He will be greatly missed. Mike & Bonnie Demo

Michael Demo - April 21, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Warren Alvin Duke Jr. .



April 21, 2016 at 11:23 AM

DW

“ Sorry to hear of Warrens passing. Our thoughts are with Roberta and their family. They will have great memories to share together. Bless his family.

Don and Linda Wagner - April 21, 2016 at 11:22 AM

SR

“ Our family spent many years camping with the Duke Family. Warren loved being with family and friends. The best memory I can leave you all with was that Warren gave the greatest hugs, always embracing you with so much love. Although you have gone to be the Lord, you have left us all with precious memories that will last a lifetime. Much love, Sheri (Crain) Roen

Sheri Roen - April 21, 2016 at 10:15 AM

LG

“ Our thoughts are with all of Warren's family. He was a good man and will be missed by many.

Larry and Lynda Gravitt - April 21, 2016 at 05:24 AM

GS

“ I attended Mountain View High, class of '59, with Warren. Warren will soar like an Eagle in the blue, blue skies above us. He will be missed by all his classmates at Mountain View High. To Warren's family, sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere sympathy. Gloria (Mann) Schar

Gloria Schar - April 20, 2016 at 10:51 PM