



Richard Keith Wait

October 22, 1929 - January 14, 2021

Richard Keith Wait, 91, of Falmouth, KY, formerly of California, passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Health Care in Edgewood. Born on October 22, 1929 in Rocklin, CA, he was a son of the late Purl and Zoah Fern Ward Wait. “Dick” was a well-known and respected logger, whose mastery of his craft kept him busy as an independent owner/operator as well as working with many California logging companies: Trinity Lumber Company, Emmett Baugh Trucking, H & H Logging Company, Bill Schmidt Equipment, George Bibbens Logging, and Earl Bibbens Logging. He was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War, and he was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. On October 17, 2010, he married Jerry Fay Joyner Wait, and his dear wife survives his passing. Dick was a devoted husband, father and provider, always taking care of his family. Known for his sense of humor and priceless “Grandpaisms”: “You’re drunker than a wooden watch.”; “I am mildewing.”; “I’m busier than a one-armed cranberry merchant.”; and “By thee Gods of War”; we will smile when we remember. Dick loved to spend time with family and friends. As long as he was in California, he looked forward to seeing the Shasta High School Tuesday “Lunch Bunch,” and Friday nights were not complete without his standing cocktail hour with Jerry. Dick made the most of every day. He was proud of being a veteran and very proud of his children and grandchildren who followed in his footsteps to serve. Anderson Union High School was surely happy when the last of those “Wait” kids cycled through their halls. At the end of the day, when any of his children were hurt or

sad, he would say, "Are you alright?" and "Did you learn something?"

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 54 years and the mother of all of his children, Mary Ellen Ferrell Wait on April 17, 2006; his son, Richard Roche Wait (1954) and his five siblings: Louise Gertrude Wait Gillispie, James Turner Wait, Purl Raymond Wait, Robert Lester Wait, and Jack Wait.

He is survived by his wife Jerry Fay Wait of Falmouth, KY; his children: Robert Keith Wait (Linda) of Santa Rosa, CA, Daniel Scott Wait (Judy) of Redding, CA, Mary Jane Wait Dowell of Cottonwood, CA, Joseph Leigh Wait (Philis) of Falmouth, KY, Edward Alan Wait (Robin) of Red Bluff, CA, Linda Ruth Wait Foster (Troy) of Indiana, PA, Trecia Whitehurst of Nashville, TN; and Janet Hernandez (Rudy) of Anderson, CA; 15 grandchildren: Zoah, Danny Jr., Christina, Derek, Merri, Joey, Richard, Jacob, Erin, Kyle, Lacy, Holly, Jarrett, Brady, and Raquel; 19 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends.

Services will be held when he is entombed at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Igo, CA. Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, is taking care of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Northern California Veterans Cemetery: P.O. Box 76, 11800 Gas Point Road, Igo, CA 96047.

Tribute Wall



“ On 1/14/21 We lost a cherished Patriarch. My Uncle. Richard Keith Wait. Uncle Dick was the last of the family originals and will be missed everyday. He was a priceless treasure and Army Veteran who served this Country with pride in the Korean War. You never saw him without his "served in Korea" ballcap. We always looked forward to family functions as he was always sitting in "his" chair laughing and enjoying each of us. He reminded me of my dad (Purl) his brother and I feel like I have lost my dad twice with his passing. He always called Donna "Girl" and in 48 yrs never used her name. He left us with a lifetime of memories..All Good. We love him and will miss him.. he was a one of a kind, strong, and gentle. He loved his family and there was NEVER a doubt.

*"Uncle Dick, Your work on earth is done, Rest in Peace, thank you for all you have left with us. We love and miss you.
Frank and Donna Wait*

Frank and Donna Wait - January 16, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Keith Wait.



January 15, 2021 at 08:33 AM

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“ My deepest condolences on the loss of your patriarch. Sending love to all of you.

*Dane & Kathy (Wait) Bjorklund
Lincoln, Nebraska*

Kathy Bjorklund - January 14, 2021 at 05:09 PM

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“ I don't have many memories with grandpa, but the ones I do have I will cherish forever. I remember when I was little, sitting with him in "his chair" at his house in Anderson for a funny joke or story. There was one time I had sprayed him with the watering hose and he never let me forget it over the years. When we would visit at family gatherings he would pretend the entire day that he was going to pour his water bottle on me for pay back. He never did. I loved being able to watch him meet my boys, his great grandsons. You could tell by looking at him he felt so blessed. And I will never forget his snark, as I and many others have inherited that trait. I pray for strength, peace and healing for his family in this difficult time. I love you grandpa! I know you're up there with grandma, looking over everyone. You will be missed!

Lacy Phillips - January 14, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ My favorite memory is the last one I shared with him. A video chat where he saw my partner, Kelsey and my youngest daughter, Nova for the first and last time. Seeing his face light up seeing Nova and then even more when he said "I know who she is! That's novas mom!" when he saw Kelsey is a memory I'll cherish forever. A raised glass goes up tonight to this salty old man I call my grandfather.

Kyle - January 14, 2021 at 03:59 PM