

Oswald, Ernest "Ernie" George

Ernest "Ernie" George Oswald passed away at age 90 on May 2, 2017. He was a native Californian, born June 21, 1926, in San Francisco, the son of Ernest G. Oswald, Sr., and Maddie Marie Fortna. He was predeceased by his beloved sister, Yvonne Oswald Ball. Ernie lived his childhood years first in Sonora, and then in Alturas, developing his lifelong love of horses and ranching. After his high school graduation, he enlisted in the U S Navy to proudly serve in the Pacific theatre of WWII aboard the USS Stormes as a gunner's mate. Having been honorably discharged, Ernie attended UC Davis receiving an AA degree in Animal Science, before pursuing several jobs leading to a long, successful career in ranching and agricultural finance with the Farm Credit System. Scores of life-long friends and associates recognized his talent, dedication and integrity in taking care of any task at hand as a job to be done.

He married Carolyn Mock of Yuba City after college; and they raised their daughter Nancy Jane (now Goss) on ranches near Chico, Oakdale and Galt until 1982. He worked for Farm Credit; and they ranched and showed quarter horses... always going and doing. He became permanently involved in developing the cutting horse industry in California, serving many years on the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Assn. board of directors and holding several offices and chairmanships, always remaining an active member. He was a long-time member of the NCHA, AQHA, NRCHA, PCCHA, PCQHA and the Clements Cutting Club. He held official judges status in the NCHA, AQHA, and NRCHA, judging many shows and major events in the West.



Ernie was also a proud, lifetime member of the Marysville Corinthian-Hammonton Lodge #9.

In May, 1987, he married Christina McClintock; and they have resided on a "small" horse property in Wilton. Continuing in his commitment to the ranching industry, he maintained each property and the ranching lifestyle with an obvious pride of ownership. His success at Farm Credit, in the cutting pen and at home "on the ranch" gave him his sense of purpose and provided all who came in contact with him many wonderful memories. Great family, friends and Wilton neighbors have been there for both Ernie and Chris in the recent years of Ernie's declining health. He loved his family, friends, horses and dogs; and he will be greatly missed by them all.

Ernie is survived by his wife, Chris; his daughter, Nancy, and son-in-law, Joe Goss; his granddaughter, Erin and her husband Todd Peters; and his great-grandson, Bryce Matthew Peters, the admitted light of Ernie's last years. A celebration of life is being planned for July, so contact Chris Oswald or Nancy Goss for details. Ernie's favorite charities were the Sacramento Shriners Hospital for Children and the American Cancer Society, who would welcome any memorial contributions.