

Louis Melvin Moody | 1962-2015

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Louis Melvin "Shorty" Moody, 53, of Chico passed away Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, at home after a long battle with cancer. Services were held Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, at 10 a.m. at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport, officiated by Ronnie Geeslan. Burial followed in Jim Ned Cemetery at Runaway Bay. Born on Feb. 20, 1962, he was the fifteenth child of Louis and Nona Moody.

Shorty was an easygoing man who loved life, family and all that nature had to offer. He enjoyed fishing at Lake Arrowhead, taking the grandchildren for buggy rides, hunting dove, brush-hogging, playing dominoes, visiting with family and helping out the neighbors. Shorty enjoyed working outdoors, regardless of the weather. After earning a living in concrete and roofing, he went to work for Wise County at Precinct 2, working his way up to Lead Man on the road construction crew. He also raised cattle, farmed and enjoyed working on vehicles of all types.

Shorty married Myra, the love of his life, on Jan. 21, 2000, in Decatur. Together they lived on a small farm on the outskirts of Chico, where they raised their children to love God, respect nature and help those in need.

Shorty was preceded in death by his parents; brother Glenn; and triplet sisters Mae, Fay, and Kay. He is survived by his wife, Myra Tiller Moody; his dog, George; daughter Jaye van Acht and husband Vince; sons Chris Tiller, John Johnson, and Jody Tiller and wife Rachel; grandchildren Elijah "Little Man" Tiller, Noah Tiller, Abel Tiller, Grey van Acht and Saul van Acht. He also leaves behind four brothers: James Moody, Leon Moody and wife Teresa, Gene Moody, and Dale Moody and wife Nita; eight sisters: Thelma Thompson and husband Kenneth, Nora Lee Hood and husband Lott, Rosie Thompson and husband Jim, Doris Jenkins, Sherry Brown, Hattie Hale and husband Dale, Nancy McCasland and husband Mike, and Carandy Guinn and husband Johnny; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, his co-workers at Precinct 2, and enough friends to fill the Chico High School football stadium on homecoming night. He was loved and respected by all, and will be forever missed.