

R. Dirk Agee

Former Elko County Rancher R. Dirk Agee has died in Sparks, of kidney cancer. Dirk died at the family's Sparks home on Wednesday August 6. He was 71.

The Agee family settled in northern Nevada in the 1870's. Dirk and Marta ranched in the O'Neil Basin in Elko County until 1987 when they moved to Rachel in Lincoln County, Nevada. The Agee family continued to run cattle on private and public rangelands and produce alfalfa.

Dirk was born in Wells, NV on July 22, 1937 to Bob and Thelma Agee. He attended grammar school in Wells and O'Neil Basin and graduated from Wells High School in 1956. He served in the US Army in Okinawa in 1960. He studied for his pilot's license in Arizona and held a life-long interest in airplanes and helicopters. He attended the University of Nevada at Reno.

Dirk married Marta Sanford on September 8, 1962. They raised two daughters, Sabrina and Rachella and two sons, Jace and Travis. Dirk built his life around his family and his love of physical work with a direct connection to the land and resources. He was a wonderful giant of a man, soft spoken, thoughtful, compassionate and determined in all endeavors.

Mr. Agee is survived by his wife of 46 years Marta Sanford Agee, their children: Sabrina Agee Watt, of Australia, Jace Agee, of Elko County and Travis Agee, of Lincoln County Nevada. His youngest daughter Rachella predeceased him in 1977.

Dirk is also survived by son-in-law Gerard Watt, daughters-in-law Ruth and Susan Agee and grandchildren Tyler, Jacob and Katelyn Agee; Janet and Marcus Watt; and step grandchildren Cameron and Caitlin Filer. A younger brother Lance J. Agee (Olga) of Saratoga, CA also survives him.