



## James Albert Young

Aug 19, 1937 -March 18, 2024

Dr. James A. Young passed away on March 18th at the age of 86 with his family by his side. Dr. Young spent 43 years as a Rangeland Scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Great Basin Rangelands Research Unit in Reno, Nevada. Upon Dr. Young's retirement, he was recognized on the United States Senate floor for his commitment and preservation of western rangelands. Dr. Young is renowned for his knowledge of Great Basin Rangelands and was awarded the U.S. Department of Agriculture Outstanding Scientist of the Year Award (1993) and honored by the secretary of agriculture with the Superior Service Award in 1995, the highest honor given by the USDA. His many other recognitions include the Weed Science Society of America Award of Excellence, Society for Range Management W. R. Chapline Research Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Fellow Award, the Nevada Section Society for Range Management Researcher of the Year Award as well as Chico State College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Young also received the very First Nevada Weed Management Award, which was named after him, the "James A. Young Award". Dr. Young authored and co-authored more than 700 scientific articles including numerous books such as *Cattle in the Cold Desert*, *Purshia: The Wild and Bitter Roses* and *Cheatgrass: Fire and Forage on the Range*. Dr. Young was also an outstanding educator. Over the years, he introduced and mentored dozens of high school and college students to the field of range science. It is often stated that Dr. Young has probably forgotten more information on the ecology of Great Basin rangelands than most professionals in resource management will ever learn.

Service will be held April, 20 2024 at 1pm (pst) at Mountain View Mortuary 425 Stoker Ave, Reno, NV 89503

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