

LeeRoy Cowley | 1955-2015

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LeeRoy Cowley, 60, of Chico, died Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in Wichita Falls. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 2015, in the Chapel at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport. Burial will follow at Crafton Cemetery. Jeff Bakker will officiate. Pallbearers are Raymond Collector, Kayaan Collector, Craig Cowley, Eddie Cowley, J.W. Byers and Bobby Arnold. Honorary pallbearers are Doug Whitehead, Jimmie Wines, Keith Meyers and Frank Lovett. Visitation will be 5 – 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Jones Family Funeral Home.

LeeRoy was born on February 21, 1955, in Bridgeport to Racheal Vera (DeFore) and George Lee Cowley. He attended Chico schools.

In his later years, LeeRoy lived in Heritage Place of Decatur Nursing Home, where his personality really began to shine. He loved the structured environment of the nursing home and quickly made friends with other patients and the staff. LeeRoy always looked for ways to help out and was often allowed to help with activities. His bubbly personality landed him the role of facility mascot and cheerleader.

LeeRoy had an artistic side and loved to sit down with crayons and color in his large coloring books. He was also, in his own right, quite a photography bug. He was the outdoorsy type and spent hours outside scouring the area gathering and recycling aluminum cans to earn spending money. But his big love was fishing. He made a habit of photographing friends and family with their trophy catches. Being childlike himself, LeeRoy had a deep love for children, and always thought of others before himself.

LeeRoy was preceded in death by his mother, Racheal Vera Cowley. He is survived by his parents George and Jeanne Cowley; brother Donnie Cowley; special cousin and caretaker Tammy Sosa and husband Darren; special local cousins Nelda Pyle and Craig Cowley; Louise Cowley, Eddie Cowley and wife Debbie; aunts Ruth Meyers and Nancy Cowley Dickinson; and several other cousins. Donations may be made to the Chico Volunteer Fire Department or the Relay for Life team “Healing Hearts.”