



Eddie Lynn Whelan

May 20, 1953 - March 1, 2026

Edward Lynn Whelan, 72 of Exeter California, passed away March 1, 2026. Eddie was born May 20, 1953, in Willcox Arizona. In his early years he worked the local ranches and the Willcox Livestock Auction. After moving to California, he spent the last 35 years out on the cattle ranch living his dream. The true cowboy way.

Eddie is survived by his wife of 53 years Arlene (Burleson) Whelan and his daughters Kristine (Jimmy) Andrew and DeAnn Whelan (Anthony Franco). He is also survived by his 7 grandchildren, Ashley Creech, Bailey Creech, Wyatt Andrew, Shadea Minugh, Caden Andrew, Kailani Minugh, and Jaxon Whelan-Franco. As well as his 5 great grandchildren Evie Tenhet, Ava Tenhet, Samuel Butteris, Saylor Minugh-Mcnew, and Kamea Herrera. Eddie is also survived by his brothers William Whelan and Darrel Whelan, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends who loved him dearly. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Aurelia Whelan and his sister Geraldine Henkel.

He was a true cowboy legend, a devoted husband, a dad, a papa, and a “papa ranch,” who lived his dream life until his very last breath out on the ranch surrounded by his horse, his dogs, and his cattle.

Per his request there will be no service.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Very good honest man my prayers for Arlene and the family*

Chance Moore - March 26 at 11:30 PM

RB

“ *Eddie was a good man and a good friend. We always had fun whether working at the county or going to Benson Arena and even at the sale barn. Good Memories. Rest in Peace.*

Roger Bethel - March 13 at 07:17 PM

JN

“ *Arlene, I'm so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know he will be missed.*



Jan Napier - March 12 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences to all the family. Rest in peace Eddie.*

Jonnie B Martinez - March 12 at 10:45 AM

EH

“ *Ellen Kimbell Hedges lit a candle in memory of Eddie Whelan*



Ellen Kimbell Hedges - March 11 at 09:57 PM

KT

“ *My condolences to the family*



Kathy Thatcher - March 11 at 03:46 PM

HL

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. The Whelan family were treasured neighbors in Stewart District.*



Henrietta Lackner - March 11 at 02:18 PM

FG

“ *Frank and Susie Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Eddie Whelan*



Frank and Susie Gonzales - March 11 at 12:08 PM

BK

“ *My name is Beverly Brunson King. I went to high school with Eddie. He was a very nice man. We had several classes together. I'll always remember him in his western shirt t tight jeans, very well mannered t friendly to everyone. I'll miss him, even though I haven't seen him since graduation in 1973.*

Beverly Brunson King - March 11 at 10:09 AM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Eddie Whelan*



Susan Arbuthnot - March 11 at 09:48 AM

JF

“ *Jody Clement and Family lit a candle in memory of Eddie Whelan*



Jody Clement and Family - March 10 at 08:57 PM

ES

“ *RIP sorry for your loss. My condolences to the Whelan and everyone.*



Eva Smith - March 10 at 07:19 PM