

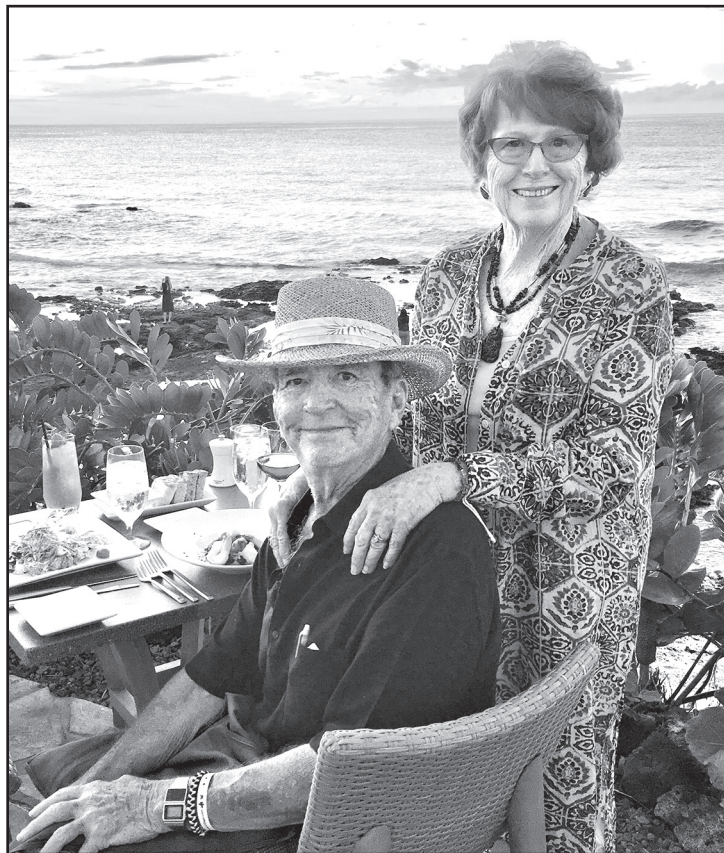
In loving memory of Martin Kee

On July 14, 2020, Tollhouse resident Martin Kee died peacefully as he loved to live, with family by his side. He enjoyed a rich and full life of 81 years.

Martin was born in New York City in 1939 to Charles and Marion Kee. He was the youngest of three children, with siblings Robert and Jane. Even as a city boy, Marty developed a love for the country, and pursued Ag in high school, and an associate's degree in Ag at SUNY Delhi College of Ag and Tech. However, he saw an opportunity for adventure and changed paths, joining the Navy as an officer candidate for flight training. In 1961 he headed to San Diego for his first tour as an A-1 pilot assigned to the USS Hornet aircraft carrier. While stationed in San Diego, he met his wife, Barbara Polansky, and they married in 1965. Marty left the Navy to become a pilot for United Airlines, where he would serve for 35 years.

Marty and Barbara moved to Newbury Park in Ventura County, where they raised three daughters. When Marty was not flying, he led the family on many adventures RVing, boating, and waterskiing. These travels led them to discover Pine Flat Lake. When the LA area was becoming too crowded, it was time for Marty to act on a life-long dream: buy some property and raise cattle—right by his favorite waterskiing lake! The family moved to Tollhouse in 1981.

Marty spent much of his later career flying the largest commercial aircraft at the time, the 747. In the course of his job, he traveled the



Marty Kee and his wife, Barbara.

world, often accompanied by Barbara, and sometimes his daughter Karen. Back in Tollhouse, he was a volunteer fire-fighter, and a member of the local Catholic church. He retired from United in 2000 to spend more time riding his tractor, tinkering all things mechanical, fixing fence, and shooting pool, all of which he enjoyed immensely. More than anything, however, he enjoyed being around his kids and grandkids. He was never happier than when family was around, which was fortunately often. In the last few years, Marty fought health issues, which kept him close to home. "We all knew every day was a gift.

We're so thankful we had each and every one."

Marty leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Barbara; daughters Connie Schlaefter (Mark) of Tollhouse, Gail Stark (Scott) of Tollhouse, and Karen Kee of Pleasant Hill. He also leaves granddaughters Casey Stark of Auberry, Megan Stark of Anchorage AK, Abigail and Mae Schlaefter of Tollhouse, and grandson Scotty Stark of Tollhouse. No memorial service is planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating blood, or otherwise supporting the Central California Blood Center.

SFC exceeds 40,000 acres with Hornitos acquisition

By LAUREN MILLER
SFC Conservation Director

Sierra Foothill Conservancy is thrilled to announce the conservation of SFC's single largest acquisition to date. The 6,972-acre Hornitos Ranch is now officially part of SFC's conservation easement portfolio, bringing total acres conserved to an impressive 41,810! As with any great accomplishment, the Hornitos Ranch Conservation Easement was made possible through teamwork. SFC thanks partnering landowner Hornitos Land Company, LLC, and generous partners who funded the purchase of the conservation easement, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Department of Conservation, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the California Wildlife Foundation.

The historic Hornitos Ranch was accumulated piece by piece, in 46 separate parcels by the Gagliardos, a merchant family who owned the general store in

the once-booming gold rush town of Hornitos. The land has changed hands throughout the last decade or two but has remained an active cattle ranch for the last 147 years. In recent years however, mounting development pressure from nearby Merced County, home to an expanding UC and increasing conversion of rangeland to tree crops like almonds and olives, threatened to end the legacy of the Hornitos Ranch. The landowners contemplated development and sale of individual parcels, but ultimately made the decision to commit to conservation instead by selling a conservation easement to SFC.

This iconic ranch located in western Mariposa county is the centerpiece of SFC's Merced River Conservation Corridor. This focus area aims to connect and protect private working landscapes, with public land, to create a 20,000 acre corridor for wildlife in the Merced River

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community Christmas and Easter choirs. He directed choirs and dramatic performances at ACC, ran summer camp programs, directed men's retreats, volunteered on Logos II, and was a part of the Promise Keepers movement in the foothills. He is well-loved for his gentle temperament, passion for worship, and love for others.

Last year, Fred earned his Ph.D. in Doctorate of Worship Studies from Robert Webber Institute for Worship Studies. "We are excited to see what God will be doing next in his life and what new ministry opportunities will open for him in California and in North Carolina," noted Krista Stewart, ACC secretary.

An outdoor Farewell Fellowship for Fred and Monnie will be held on Sunday, July 26, from 6-8 pm at Auberry Community Church (33896 Powerhouse Road). Members of the community are welcome to attend! Organizers understand that, due to COVID-19, many people are reluctant to join in large group activities. They will do their best to observe social distancing at this event, but also understand that for some people, attending is not an option. Those who cannot attend but would like to participate in this farewell, please send your cards and letters to Auberry Community Church, PO Box 207, Auberry 93602 and mark "Fred's Farewell" on the envelope. Your cards and letters will be presented to him at the farewell event.



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