

Vernon Lee Parsons was born on February 26, 1911 to Charles Lee Parsons and Ida Jepson Parsons.

Vernon had 3 brothers Wayne, Ray and Lawrence and 2 sisters Margie And Phyllis.

Wayne Parsons One of Vern's older brothers had donated land for a school that was built and named after him. As the school is still running and called Parsons Elementary School.

Margie Parsons one of Vern's older sister's was a school teacher for a local school and also wrote several articles for the historical society called the Covered wagon. (1987 The Dream of Green Fields) and (1995 Farming at the Churncreek Bottom.)

Vern's Grandfather Eugene Parsons homesteaded 321 acres and bought some more. So he had 600 + acres at one time. Vernon Farmed 300 + acres as a young man in the Churncreek bottom, he was born on the Parsons ranch about a half mile from his present residence and he has lived and farmed this land all his life and still to this day.

Vernon married Alede Stocker in 1934, they had 2 sons, Vernon L Parsons Jr. Born in 1938 and Charles A. Parsons Born in 1940. Alede passed away in 1977. Vern Jr. has 2 daughters, Debra Parsons and Leslie Parsons Schoen. Charles has one son Daniel Parsons who has 2 Daughters Callie and Riley Parsons. Most of Vernon's family still live in and around Shasta County.

Vernon married his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Floye "Boots" Deburger Parsons in 1992 and is still married today.

Vernon attended Pacheco Elementary School from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. When he was in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade he not only Milked 14 cows everyday, he also went to school Early and did custodial work before the teachers would arrive. The majority of the money he earned he donated to buy playground equipment for the school. He later attended Shasta High School while still farming and milking 44 cows that supplied fresh milk to a couple of local stores and a road stand.

Over the years Vern has not only farmed 40+-acre ranch , raising beef cattle and hay. He also drove the Pacheco school bus for 30 years, as he loved the kids, he also ended up taking care of the six buses saving on the

maintenance costs for 6 of the buses. Also after he retired from bus driving in 1978 he continued working on the ranch, as this was his first passion. In 1985 he was elected to the Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District Board of Directors where he served for approximately 15 years.

Vern has always been a person that would help his neighbors if they needed it, and he has always been very healthy, at 89 he was still packing a bale of hay on a pitchfork over his shoulder, across the field to feed his cows. He was also still planting, irrigating, cutting, baling and stacking his own hay.

Even now at 100 he still cuts and pulls weeds on his property....