

**Departure: Ken Iverson**

- Eugene Vicknair

Long time member and volunteer, Ken Iverson, passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, in Red Bluff.

Kenneth Charles Iverson was born on June 23, 1938 in Los Angeles... specifically in his uncle's car. Ken was the eldest of three boys. Their mother passed away when Ken was 9 years old. Ken graduated from Coachella Valley High School in Indio, CA.

He studied Electrical Engineering in San Francisco, where he met the woman who would become his wife, Mabel "Missy" Hiatt. Their daughter, Evelyn, was born in 1956. During that time he worked at Standard Stations, Inc., which operated Chevron gas stations, and became the youngest assistant manager in the company.

In 1958, the family moved to Ukiah where son David was born. Ken took a job at Masonite followed by a position with the City of Ukiah. He later worked for the California Division of Highways, now known as CalTrans. Employment at the California Department of Water Resources resulted in the family's relocation to Tracy, California, in 1964, and then to



*RAL Instructor Ken Iverson, with RAL Student Kenneth Finnegan, 1996.*  
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*Ken in the cab of WP 608 on May 20, 2005*  
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Gustine, California, until his retirement in 1994. While in Gustine, Ken served as chairman of the city Planning Committee and was on the Gustine School Board.

After retirement, he and Missy moved to Portola, where Ken became an active volunteer for the museum. He was a regular engineer in the "Run-A-Locomotive" program. Ken also served as our Facilities Manager and regularly pitched in on various facilities projects. He was instrumental in some of the early planning for the Facilities Master Plan. For a couple years, he was also part of the election committee.

In 2010, he and Missy moved to Red Bluff to be closer to their son and his family. Ken is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mabel "Missy"; daughter Evelyn Falk (Larry) of Xenia, Ohio; son David (Kristin); grandchildren Zachary (Savannah), Emmaline and Miranda; and great-grandsons Jaxon and Logan.