

Former Humboldt County Supervisor Roy Heider died early Thursday morning at the Jerold Phelps Community Hospital in Garberville. He passed away peacefully at 1:00 AM March 19th after a very brief struggle with illness. His family was nearby to spend the last few precious hours of his life with him. He was 81 years old.

Roy served as 2nd District Supervisor from 1992 to 1996. He dedicated much of his life in service to his nation and his community. He served in the US Navy in both the Second World War and the Korean Conflict. Along with his service to the County as Supervisor he served on the Board of the Southern Humboldt Community Hospital District for 12 years and served as President of that board for several of those years. Roy was also a Redway Fire District Commissioner and a long time member of the Garberville – Redway Rotary Club where he served as president for two terms, in 1984 and 1991. He also served as President of the board of the Cape Mendocino Lighthouse Association at Shelter Cove and as Supervisor, was very instrumental in the relocation of the Lighthouse to the Cove.

He believed strongly in supporting his community and has benefitted numerous organizations and individual community members throughout his life. In 2004 the Garberville – Redway Chamber of Commerce honored him as Citizen of the Year

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has ordered flags lowered to half-staff on Humboldt County buildings in honor of his service to the County.

There will be a public viewing at the Goble Chapel in Fortuna on Monday March 23rd from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

A memorial celebration of Roy's life will be held at the John Haynes Memorial Veteran's Hall in Garberville Saturday April 4th at 2:00 PM