

In Memorium

Fredrick L. Easton

April 7, 1945 – March 18, 2014

Fred, Sr. passed away near his home and business in Jasper Alabama. Fred provided members of the PLSC with ground-based and photogrammetric topographic maps for over 35 years. He was highly respected among our community for his knowledge, hard work, and commitment to providing the best possible quality maps in the shortest time possible.

He was born in Placerville in 1945. One of his first jobs was learning how to take measurements with an AGA Geodimeter NASM-2A. He worked for VTN for many years in CA and CO on some of their most high-profile projects, including projects in Panama, the Apollo space program, and the original survey of Disney World, Florida. He moved to Denver in 1974 and shortly thereafter started Benchmark Mapping. He was a self-taught aerial photogrammetric mapper and worked on key projects throughout the west, including many highways, pipelines, several city-wide mapping projects, the Aurora Reservoir, and others. He and his beloved wife, Carolyn, moved the business to Alabama in 2002 but continued to provide services in CO as recently as a few weeks before his passing.



He was a sailor, airplane and helicopter pilot, RC enthusiast, and collector of sports cars, especially small British ones. He often surveyed by helicopter in the 1970s and 80s.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn, four children, including one PLS and member of PLSC. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren.

He would often take his children on road trips for projects and put those to work that seemed interested. Because of him, Fred Jr. PLS learned to level a rod before riding a bike, operate a Geodimeter before learning to drive and has been a successful surveyor for over 20 years because of his father. He instilled this same can-do attitude in each of his children.