

Frank Graziade,
Horseman,
Succumbs at 85

Frank Graziade, well-known horse trainer and exhibitor, died last week in Barstow after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Graziade, 85, left Sonoma County two weeks ago and was on his way to Nevada when he was stricken.

He was a native of Puente and a descendant of the Spanish families of Yorba and Rowlands.

As a boy, he accompanied his father on livestock drives from southern California to Colorado.

A friend of P. T. Barnum, he furnished many horses for the Barnum & Bailey Circus. He was also a close friend of Will Rogers, who was often a guest at the Graziade ranch in Puente.

Mr. Graziade became one of the best-known trainers and exhibitors of reined stock horses in the 1920's and 30's, working with horses owned by Marco Hellman, Gunner Tornberg, Mrs. Mathew Smith and the Jack London Ranch.

He won numerous first place ribbons from major shows and championship saddles.

In 1940 he came to Sonoma County to make his home with the Burton Cochrane family on their Kenwood ranch. For many years he operated that ranch and also Cochrane ranches in San Benito County and Nevada.

He gave up showing stock horses in the late 1940's but not his interest, as he continued to ride "good horses" every day.

He was known for braiding exceptionally beautiful reins and headstalls, using French calf instead of rawhide.

He had many friends throughout the west and traveled annually to visit with many of them. He was on such a trip from his home in Puente to Fallon at the time of his death.

Survivors include a son, Frank A. Graziade, Newport Beach; two daughters, Leonore Sepulveda, Beverly Hills; and Evelyn Buselle, Santa Rosa; 10 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

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