



Alta Larsen Miller

July 4, 1925 - August 23, 2016

Her 91 years were blessed.

Alta was born July 4, 1925. She graduated from Fort Jones High School and married her high school sweet heart Bill Miller in 1943. They were married 72 years. Partners for life, we cannot think of one without the other. Bill passed last year. Both were born and raised in Fort Jones.

Bill was sent to the Western Pacific shortly after Alta and he were married. Alta lived with her parents and sister Frances until Bill returned from the War. Alta honored him with a son while he was stationed on Okinawa.

After the war Alta and Bill bought and operated the Fort Jones Drug Store for seven years. They then moved to Redding and worked in ranch real estate brokerage until retiring back to Fort Jones in 1989. Until passing Alta and Bill lived in a home they had built for Bill's brother Jim in the 1960's.

Alta was one of two children of Scott Valley's Fannie Leila Larsen and Anders Martin Larsen. Alta's sister Frances lives in Redding, California.

Alta had one son, Bill (Ellie); three grandchildren: Todd (Shelley), Tim (Sarah), Tracey (Raymond). Alta leaves seven great grandchildren: Lauren, Brady, Anders, Caitlin, William, Chad and Justin. Alta and Bill also had an adopted

grandson Erin (Stacey and son Cody). Alta and Bill were proud parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Alta loved little children. She volunteered for the grammar school's reading program for years. She often manned the Fort Jones Museum. She was an active member of the Methodist Church. However, most of all she was a life partner for her mate. She could be found in a duck blind, on a deer hunting stand, flying, snow skiing, water skiing, fishing, and camping; almost always enthusiastically.

Alta absolutely loved her Canyon Creek Camp. It was originally developed by her father Martin; a good way to get away from the hustle and bustle of Fort Jones. She held her 91'st Birthday at Canyon Creek.

Alta wished us all well; we will miss her.

Graveside services will be held at the Fort Jones Cemetery at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Afterwards, a celebration of life will continue at Alta and Bill's home in Fort Jones, across from the city hall. Beverage and hors d'oeuvres included.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jones Cemetery

Eastside Road
Fort Jones, CA 96032

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ I was sad to hear of the passing of Alta. My memories of Alta & Bill are through pictures and stories that my parents, Nello & Mary (Pinkerton) Lazzari told through out the years.
Please accept my belated condolences. Lynne Lazzari, Woodland, CA

lynne lazzari - September 21, 2016 at 03:18 PM

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“ "Raise 'Em Up" -Keith Urban
-MJ Lefko

MaryJo Lefko - September 09, 2016 at 11:32 PM

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“ So....."A polar bear walks into a bar" The bartender says , "what's up with the long.....(paws) pause..
I remember telling this to Alta and just crying from laughter because she would look at me and say.. "I don't get it!"... Over and over again I would say this and nothing... It's one of many millions of memories I cherish!
Probably one of the most impactful is going up to canyon creek and looking at a tree that was probably thirty or forty feet in the air and noticing a heart shaped carving that had the initials engraved with Bill and Alta's initials on it. I always said to myself I want a love in my life like that... Still looking for that cowboy Alta! I love you truly for all your laughter, warm heartedness and taking care of my parents (which you did more than you know)
I love you to the moon and back! Both you and Bill are the Fred Astairer and Ginger Rogers of your time!! XOXOXOXO MJ Lefko..

MaryJo Lefko - September 09, 2016 at 11:01 PM

RC

“ There are so many memories of Bill and Alta and the times we shared with them. I guess my favorite would be out on their boat on Diamond Lake. It was the 4th of July, Alta in her patriotic suspenders, celebrating her 4th of July Birthday. Then on cue, a military fly over, right over the boat. Alta was convinced that my father-in-law, Bud Crawford, had arranged the whole thing in her honor. There were so many laughs on that trip, including Alta smoking us all out of the cabin when she lit the stove. That is how I want to always remember this very special couple.....

Ron & Cathie Crawford

Ron & Cathie Crawford - September 08, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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