



## Bernie Higgins Young

December 24, 1936 - December 13, 2010

Bernie Higgins Young passed away at home with his family by his side on December 13, 2010. Bernie was born on December 24, 1936, in Weed, CA to Mary Pagani Young and Bernstein Higgins Young. He was raised in Weed and the day he graduated from high school, he went to work for the International Paper Company. After 2 years at IP, he went to work for the Shasta O Ranch. He married his wife, Peggy, on June 19, 1959. After being married for 13 months, Bernie was drafted and went overseas to Wildflecken, Germany, where he drove a tank and was on the Battalion Shooting Team. Later he was stationed in Garmisch, Germany, where he was on the Ski Patrol and patrolled the Czech border. After Bernie returned to Siskiyou County, he resumed his job at the Shasta O Ranch, spending much of his time with the horses and the cattle. Bernie later worked for Hammond Construction and Louie's Tire Shop in Weed. In 1966, Bernie was offered a job with the Siskiyou County Road Department as a Light Equipment Operator. In 1977, he was promoted to Foreman, where he supervised the District 3 Gazelle crew, and the District 2 Mt. Shasta crew. What he liked most about his job was being outdoors, and the crew he worked with. Bernie was an independent, free spirited man who always had a smile on his face. He loved being outdoors, skiing, hunting, and fishing. He loved his family and his friends. Bernie is survived by his wife of 51 years, Peggy, of Gazelle, his daughter Jennifer Powers of Lake Shastina, her husband Tom, grandchildren Ben and Elizabeth, his other daughter Kim Schwartz of Mt. Shasta, her husband Paul, grandchildren RaeAnn and

Nickolas. Bernie was preceded in death by his mother Mary Pagani Young, and his grandparents, Ercole and Maria Pagani. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, December 21, at 11:00, at the Gazelle Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Gazelle Grange Hall, immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 W. 6th St., Medford, OR 97501 or to Mercy Mt. Shasta Hospice, 914 Pine St., Mount Shasta, CA 96067.