



Charles "Chuck" Edward Heller

November 28, 1943 - December 29, 2011

Chuck Heller was born on Nov. 28, 1943 in Monterey Park, Calif. and passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, 2011 in Yreka surrounded by his family.

Chuck was a lifetime resident of California, living in various cities until settling in Yreka to raise his three children. Chuck served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1960-1964 on the USS Valley Forge. He returned to his wife and new born daughter. In 1966, Chuck began his career in road construction. He became highly respected and admired throughout the state of California. He was part of the building of Interstate 5, from Corning to the Oregon border, as well as the majority of other California freeways. Chuck became a partner in Tullis and Heller, Inc. of Redding before retiring to Yreka in 2007, to spend more time with his family.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 42 years Donna Heller. Also, his daughter Kim Freeze of Yreka, Jim Heller and his wife Susan of Redding, and son Darrin Heller and his wife Brenda of Yreka. He loved his nine grandchildren: Karli, Cassidy and Kady Freeze; Madison, Jamie and Chase Heller; and Katie, Mason and Mia Heller. Chuck also leaves behind his sister Judy Atkinson of Virginia, Jim Heller of San Diego, Cliff Crowl of Iowa, Leroy Crowl of Arkansas and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service has taken place. Girdner Funeral chapel is assisting the family.