



Charles E. Harris

July 7, 1923 - January 8, 2012

Charles E. Harris, 88, of Yreka passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012. He was born on July 7, 1923 in Eureka, Calif. and was a 25 year resident of Yreka. He served in the Navy during World War II and was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. A public information specialist, he lived in Nevada for many years, where he worked in various positions, serving as a radio news announcer in Reno and Ely and as public relations director for Kennecott Copper Corporation in McGill. He later worked for public relations firms in San Francisco and Oakland before retiring as a public affairs officer with the Department of the Army in 1986. He then settled in Siskiyou County, where his ancestors were among the first settlers in the area. An avid bridge player, he was a life master and a member of the Yreka Bridge Club. He was also a bridge instructor and enjoyed helping others learn the game.

He is survived by his daughter, Vicki Pearson of Washoe Valley, Nev.; his sons, Brian and Randy of Las Vegas and Kelly of Tacoma, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Robert Harris of Grants Pass and Mark McAllister of Red Bluff. His son, Jon McAllister Harris predeceased him in 2003.

Services and interment in the family plot in the Etna Cemetery will be scheduled at a later time. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.