



## David Brice DeRose

January 27, 1933 - April 7, 2013

David Brice DeRose, age 80, a lifelong resident of Siskiyou County, passed away on April 7, 2013 in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 27, 1933 in Hawkinsville, CA to Manuel Frank and Gladys Lillian Jensen DeRose.

Brice, as he was called by family and friends, was a big man in every sense of the word. Not only was he a tall, handsome man in his younger years but had a heart of gold. As a teenager, after losing his father and little sister, Donna Mae, he selflessly helped his widowed mother and four siblings through some very tough times. Before his marriage to Barbara Lane Buell in 1956, he built his mother a new house on Greenhorn Road. He was drafted shortly thereafter into the U.S. Army, where he served for two years.

Brice and Barbara raised two children: Dwayne Christopher, born in 1960 and Sherryl Carlene, born in 1962. Sadly, his wife and son were both killed in an auto accident in 1976.

Brice's love of construction served him well throughout his life. As superintendent to E.R. Cummins Construction, he built several large commercial buildings and bridges throughout Northern California as well as many beautiful homes. Brice also loved the outdoors and hunting, leaving many good memories of family hunting and camping trips. He had a very good, dry sense of humor that his family enjoyed immensely. He always wanted to come across as being a "Grump," but really was nothing but a big teddy bear!

In 1997, after being forced into an early retirement because of ill health, Brice married Nora Jewel Lumsden. She preceded him in death in 2011. In the last years of Brice's life, he lived with and was cared for by his daughter Sherryl and family enjoying some quality time with his wonderful grandchildren. Survivors include his daughter Sherryl (Sis) and her husband Danny Evans along with their children Laney, Ali and Joellen, his stepchildren Daren and Rachael and their families, and his three brothers and families, Gordon and Janet of Yreka, Adrian and Lani of Yreka, and Errol and Mary of Redding. He is also survived by the families of his brother Gerald, who preceded him in death in 2009.

Brice will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A private family "Celebration of Life" was held Saturday, April 13, 2013. Donations in honor of Brice's memory can be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097 or the Rescue Ranch, P.O. Box 1192, Yreka, CA 96097.