



David Burris Gibeson

September 15, 1922 - April 10, 2012

DAVID BURRIS GIBESON was born in Henley CA, on September 15, 1922. He was the 10th in a family of 11 children, six of whom were in the U.S Military during World War II.

David's father was of European and Native American ancestry, a stagecoach driver, a blacksmith, a machinist. His mother also of European descent (of Methodist heritage) cared for the family. Moral values were transmitted to all the children.

In 1940, at age 18, he became a Supply Technician assigned to the Army Air Corps. In 1943, as a member of the 740th Air Material Squadron, David was deployed to the military campaign in North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Mainland Italy, France and Germany. In recognition of his predominant battle service in Tunisia and the Rhineland, David was awarded two decorations (citations): 1) an American Defence Service medal 2) a European African Middle Eastern Campaign medal.

After his Honorable Discharge from the Army Air Corps, David returned to CA, worked, studied, married and raised three boys. From Age 30 to 50, he moved as an ironworker in various regions of the U.S. - - from the West Coast to the East Coast and throughout Greenland.

Choosing to re-visit France on foot, David found the opportunity to live permanently in Normandy until his death on April 10, 2012, at age 89. The Normandy landing, a turning point of World War II, occurred on sacred ground – now with its many cemeteries.

David loved all cultures, all peoples, had a passion for the evolution of Human kind. Much like the salmon he so admired, he too has reached the end of his journey now and, floating down the Klamath River near the place of his birth, will return to the Ocean. The cycle of life begins anew