



Dwayne "Doc" Ottinger

March 9, 1918 - October 5, 2011

Dwayne Paul Ottinger, known to many as "Doc" passed away peacefully on October 5, 2011 at Madrone Hospice House. He was surrounded by his loving family as he passed from this life to enter the Kingdom of Heaven to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dwayne was born in Maplehill, Kansas on March 9, 1918 to Clyde and Anna Ottinger. He graduated from Alta Vista High School in Kansas in 1935.

Dwayne then attended the University of Kansas, graduating with an elementary teaching credential on June 1, 1939.

Dwayne enlisted in the Army in March of 1944. He served as a construction machine mechanic based out of Camp Beale, California. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged in May of 1946. Moving to Los Angeles he worked as a ship fitter, fitting metal plates into the hulls of ships. Then, taking advantage of the G.I Bill, he attended the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and graduated on August 14, 1952. He had a successful chiropractic practice in Crescent City, then in Yreka for many years.

While also working part-time as an orderly at Siskiyou General Hospital to help pay for the building of his house, Dwayne met the love of his life, Viola Chapman. They married on June 10, 1967 in Carson City, Nevada. He enjoyed many years of camping, ocean and fresh water fishing, and hunting trips with his wife and children. His hobbies included gardening, woodworking,

reloading ammunition, canning, baking, restoring rifles, cuckoo clocks, and old cars including his Model T ford and his fast back mustang that he painted bright yellow. Dwayne was the kind of man who enjoyed giving to others. No one ever left Doc's house empty-handed as he always filled their arms with his homemade preserves and baked goods. He enjoyed teaching his neighbors how to make the "perfect" pie crust. Doc and Viola attended the First Southern Baptist Church for many years and he loved his church family. In the last few months he was unable to attend church so he would enjoy watching "church" on TV. He truly enjoyed reading his Bible daily.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Anna, his brothers Bing, Lyle, Ken, and his sister Joyce.

He is survived by his loving wife Viola, his children, Dwayne and Pattie Ottinger of Myrtle Creek, OR, Gary Ottinger of Anchorage, AK, Phillip Ottinger of Heartline, WA, Michael and Paula Chapman of Auburn, CA, Vivian and Don Adams of Fresno, CA, Patrick and Rebecca Chapman of Montague, CA, Mark and Koye Chapman of Yreka, CA, Randy and Jennifer Ottinger of Chico, CA, Linda and Alan Cox of Yreka, CA, his 23 grandchildren, and his 38 great-grandchildren.

His absence will be greatly felt by his family and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the First Southern Baptist Church on South Oregon Street in Yreka with Pastor Bruce Swetnam officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the Ottinger family.