



Earl Veron Henson

November 10, 1925 - July 19, 2018

92 year old Yreka resident, Earl Veron Henson, passed away peacefully at Providence Medical Center in Medford on Thursday, July 19, 2018 with his family by his side. Earl had lived in Siskiyou County since 1952.

Earl was born on November 10, 1925 to William and Ollie (Ward) Henson in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Earl went to school until the 8th grade, when he started work in the lumber mills. At the age of 18, Earl joined the United States Army, where he served in the 381st Infantry as a rifleman. During World War II, Earl was part of the Ryukyu Islands Campaign, and the Southern Philippine Islands Campaign against the Japanese Imperial Forces. During the Battle of Okinawa, Earl was wounded, and subsequently received the Purple Heart.

Earl married Lillian Mabrey in 1943 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The couple had two children: Donald and Carole. Lillian passed away in 1977, and Donald in 2004. After Lillian's passing, Earl met and married Joanne Stafford in Reno, Nevada. Earl worked as a lumber grader in lumber mills for most all his life, and he truly believe in the value of hard work. When Earl wasn't working, he enjoyed dancing and playing Bingo. He was a longtime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans of America, and the local Elks Lodge.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Lillian, his son,

Donald, his 5 brothers and his 2 sisters. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joanne; his daughter Carole Gourley of Carson City, Nevada; 4 step-children; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service for Earl will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery. Military Honors will be rendered by the Northern California Honor Guard and local Veteran's organizations. A potluck will follow at the Elks Lodge in Yreka.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Top of Evergreen Lane
Yreka, CA 96097

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Anybody with the good fortune to have known Mr. Earl Henson knew he was a kind and gentle man with a really big heart. He was one of my late grandfather's best buddies, and one of my favorite memories was when my grandfather would wake me up early on a cold winter's morning, load me into the truck, and take me over to “Ma and Pa's Diner” in Yreka to eat breakfast and hang out with Earl. There they taught me how to drink coffee, how to flirt with waitresses, and more importantly, how to dunk your donut in your coffee properly. All skills a growing young lad needs in his repertoire, and memories I will cherish for the rest of my days.

I wish to convey my deepest sympathies to his family, and hope that they can take some slight comfort in the knowledge that our loss will definitely be heaven's gain.

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Jason Atkin - July 30, 2018 at 04:25 PM



Michele Brackley

I remember visiting my grandpa every summer. We would take the old blue Chevy to lucky's everyday for ice cream and while in town we would stop by the elks club. Then we would go back to the house, pick fresh blackberries and walk the trail through the park. He would tell stories about the buildings. We would finally get back to the house and watch chips, dick van dyke, well the old tv shows. Grandma Joann wpuld finally get home from working at the hotel around 4. We would then head to the fairgrounds for the Siskiyou County Fair. My favorite memories are the summers in Yreka from the age of 9 to 16. It was always my home away from home. I know things are different now. But the memories will always be there. See all of you soon!

Michele Brackley - July 11, 2020 at 04:38 AM