



## Edward Moore Athey

June 1, 1921 - July 16, 2013

Longtime Yreka resident Edward Moore Athey passed away July 16, 2013 at Meadowlark Assisted Living in Yreka. He was 92 years old.

Ed was born June 1, 1921 in San Jacinto to Emerson and Julia Athey. He served in the U.S. Army's 517th Parachute Regiment during World War II, and saw action in Southern France and the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded two Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts during that period. After the war, Ed and his wife June moved to Montague and then Yreka, where Ed started a career designing and building homes throughout Siskiyou County. During the building boom of the 1960s, he was the building and maintenance coordinator for the Siskiyou County Schools, working with school boards and architects. He was active in the Saint Marks Vestry and choir for many years. He volunteered his design skills to local churches and the Humane Society. Ed was a founding member of the Yreka Kiwanis Club. He loved gardening, sharing vegetables and grapes with everyone he knew. He enjoyed repurposing and refurnishing old furniture, believing that good wood should never be wasted. Ed and June attended 517th Parachute regiment reunions for years, and he was interviewed by writers and videographers for his knowledge of World War II history.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Julie Black and her husband Mike of Rocky Point, Oregon; a special friend, Dorothy Lange, a nephew and several nieces. Ed was preceded in death by his wife, June Athey in 2008, and his four brothers, Emerson, William, John and Cliff Athey.

A private interment service will be held at Eagle Point National Cemetery in Eagle Point, Oregon, where Ed will be laid to rest with his wife, June. Donations in his memory may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097, Siskiyou Humane Society, 1208 N. Mount Shasta Blvd., Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 or a charity of the donor's choice.