



Elmer "Allan" Brown

January 27, 1929 - April 1, 2018

Elmer Allan Brown (Oopie), an Elder in the Karuk Tribe, went home to the Lord on the morning of April 1st, 2018. Born at the old Siskiyou General Hospital on January 27th, 1929 to Bessie E. Fowler-Brown and Andrew Banks Brown, Oopie was raised in Happy Camp. His family moved briefly to Elk Grove, where he graduated from High School in 1947, but they all returned to Happy Camp. Oopie drove trucks for local logging companies until he joined the Army (1st Cavalry Division) and served in the Korean War where he drove an Ammunition Truck.

On his return to Happy Camp he met the love of his life, Olive Irene Simmons. They were married October 4th, 1954 and spent the next 64 years building a strong family. They raised 4 boys: Robert David Brown (Alisa) - Etna; West Allan Brown - Yreka; Wayne Marion Brown (Nancy) - Orting, WA; and Larry Curtis Brown (Kim) - Yreka. Allan and Olive were fortunate to remain in Siskiyou County, although they moved multiple times up and down the Scott and Klamath Rivers, allowing Allan shorter commutes to work and Olive the chance to make many new friends.

They were a close-knit family and Allan enjoyed his times with them hunting, fishing, cutting wood, playing cards, and helping Olive with her flower gardens. Oopie worked in Siskiyou County as a Heavy Equipment Operator for Cal Trans for 22 years. He also loved hot rod cars, motorcycles and old

trucks. He went on several memorable road trips, including riding a vintage Harley Davidson from Sacramento to Happy Camp. He once drove a Half-Track from Reno all the way home, reaching top speeds of 35 mph! A favorite story involved the time he and a friend raced from Yreka to Happy Camp; one on each side of the river!

In his retirement Allan enjoyed being with his wife and sons, 13 Grandchildren and 18 Great-Grandchildren (with another due next month). Allan was preceded in death by his parents and 8 siblings. He will be sorely missed by his loving wife, family and many friends.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday April 7th, 11:00 a.m., at Girdner Funeral Chapel, 202 S. Oregon St. in Yreka. Olive and family invite you to attend a potluck immediately following the service, at the Karuk Tribal Housing Authority, 1836 Apsuun St. Yreka. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, or the Grenada Community Berean Church, PO Box 248, Grenada 96038.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3434
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Although I only met you a couple of times, we share a grandson. My sympathy to all of your family in the loss of a great force in their lives.

Julie Rose - November 17, 2018 at 12:03 AM

JC

“ I learned alot from Hoopie I worked with him for ten years with Cal Trans

Jim Cook - April 08, 2018 at 01:08 PM

HG

“ "Oopie" and I were classmates in elementary and high school, we shared so many memories growing up over the years, watching our families grow up in Happy Camp also, He will missed by all of us, and sending Love to all of them as they mourn the passing of this gentle man , my friend, Oopie !! Love Hazel

HAZEL GENDRON - April 07, 2018 at 12:37 PM

KW

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for you all.
From Kendra Waddell

Kendra Waddell - April 07, 2018 at 12:04 AM

DM

So sorry for your loss. We will miss him Prayers for the family. The McCulleys

Donna McCulley - April 07, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elmer "Allan" Brown.*



April 06, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *I will miss talking with him. He was like a father to me. When we were young the whole family would always come to help Mom with things that needed fixing in the house. I wish I could be there with the family. I will be there in spirit. Kathy*

Kathy Gilbert - April 04, 2018 at 03:20 PM