



## Elsie "Alice" Fronk

April 7, 1924 - January 4, 2015

Yreka resident Elsie "Alice" Fronk passed away on January 4, 2015, at the age of 90.

Alice was born on April 7, 1924 to Alceste and Savina Menarini in San Francisco. In 1947, Alice married Donald Fronk, and the couple remained together until Donald's death in 1999. The couple originally lived in Sharp Park, now called Pacifica, and then to San Jose in 1958. As husband and wife, they were active in the Los Gatos VFW from the late 1950's until the 1960's. In the 1960's, Alice and Donald were members of the Almaden Grange, a group of orchard owners whose land eventually became the suburbia neighborhoods and shopping centers of San Jose. From the mid-sixties until the early 80's, Donald and Alice spent much of their time square dancing at local clubs.

In 2013, Alice and her son, Norm, moved to the Humbug Creek area of Yreka, California, where they have lived since.

Although Alice appeared to be, at the end of her life, weak as a kitten and unfocused on the day-to-day workings of daily living, she accomplished some amazing objectives. She lived through amazing times in her near-91 years: from 1924, up and until 3 months of her 91st birthday. Instead of "passing away" on someone's midnight shift, it was under the care, commitment, and

compassion of Ida, her private care taker. The final analysis of Alice's life:  
Hey, not bad!

Alice was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Donald, and her eldest son, Allen, who passed away in 2000. She is survived by her son, Norman Fronk of Yreka; daughter, Cathy Purdy of Central Point, Oregon; and one grandchild.

Alice will be laid to rest next to her husband in Los Gatos Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made in Alice's name to the Alzheimer's Association.