



Elvyn Thomas Dougherty

May 26, 1926 - August 4, 2014

Elvyn Thomas Dougherty, 88 year old Gazelle resident, passed away Monday morning, August 4, 2014.

He was born May 26, 1926, in Keeler, California, to Ida and Chester Dougherty. He served as an Army Staff Sergeant in WWII.

Elvyn and Mildred Laughlin were married in 1946 in Oakdale, California. The Dougherty family, including Ida and Chester, moved to Gazelle in 1948 to start a small dairy and farm. The Dougherty & Son ranch in Gazelle eventually became a working farm of over 900 acres, growing alfalfa, wheat, barley and its best-known crop, potatoes. Elvyn was part owner of Yreka Truck and Equipment, which sold International Harvester and General Motors product lines. He served on a variety of governing boards, from local school boards to the Federal Land Bank.

Elvyn was a Master Mason, raised up in White Pine Lodge number 555 in Weed, and a member of Siskiyou Lodge number 297. He was a Past Master, recipient of the Hiram Award, and a Shriner, of the Ben Ali Temple. Elvyn was a volunteer fireman and a pilot, renewing his license for the last time in 2010. People still talk about the crab feeds he helped put on to benefit the Gazelle Grange; he would remove seats from his airplane, line it with black plastic and fly live crabs in from the coast, often knocking crabs off his shoulder during the trip. He was hard-working, gruff and serious, but had a big, compassionate heart and wonderful sense of humor.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred, sons Tom and Neil, grandson Roy and five

other grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and another on the way. He was preceded in death by sons Arthur in 1969 and Chester in 1971.

Masonic services will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Gazelle. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.