



## Emmett Wesley Martin

December 19, 1926 - March 27, 2021

Longtime Yreka resident Emmett Wesley Martin passed away on March 27, 2021 in Weed. He was 94 years old.

Emmett was born on December 19, 1926 in Greenview to Hank and Berdie Martin. He had four brothers, Mert, Jim, Bill and Bob. Emmett went through the Great Depression on his family's farm. He joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 because of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. His two older brothers, Mert and Jim were already fighting the war. Emmett spent time in the South Pacific on New Hebrides, then Guadalcanal. He was discharged at the end of the war.

Emmett met Gloria Gwin in 1947, and they were married soon after. They had five children, Danny, Jon, Janny, Kelly and Kevin. The family moved to Orange County in 1952. Emmett and Gloria were divorced in 1965. Emmett worked for Orange County in public works as an inspector. He retired in 1979. Emmett moved back to Siskiyou County in 1993 with his love, Alona Curtis.

Emmett is survived by his daughter, Janny Hancock, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He was a loving, honest and fair person. He loved gardening and was a good cook. Emmett loved his family deeply, and was a bright light in their lives. They will miss him always.

No services are scheduled.