



## Ernest Joseph Silva

July 15, 1923 - February 11, 2011

Yreka resident Ernest Joseph Silva passed away February 11, 2011 in Redding. He was 87 years old.

Ernest was born July 15, 1923 in Santa Maria to Joseph and Lena Silva. He graduated from Santa Maria High School, and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in England and Belgium in field hospitals. After the war, he married Elizabeth Mary Alvos. They had two daughters, DeEtta Marie and Mary Jane. He was a salesman for forty years with Lagomarsino's Wholesale Liquors. He loved to play golf with his buddies. Santa Maria Style barbeque was his favorite to barbeque. Trout fishing was a vacation must. He taught his daughters his great love of stream fishing and camping. Sitting and watching the ocean gave him great peace. In 2005 Ernest and Elizabeth moved to Yreka to be closer to their daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Elizabeth passed away in 2007.

Ernest made many friends in Yreka and Etna. He was always a sweet, gentle man and kind to all. He met a sweet lady, Billie Sutter. They fell in love and were married in 2009. They were our lovebirds, enjoying all of lifes best: each other, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Both had a great love of the ocean. They took many trips to the beach to smell and feel the ocean breeze on their face and to feast on fish, nourishing their hearts and souls. Their love inspired family, friends and people they met.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Billie Sutter-Silva and her sons, John Sutter and his three sons, and Jim and Julie Sutter and their son; his daughter, Mary

Jane Johansen and her husband Reid; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Ernest was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth and his daughter, DeEtta.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Scott Valley Berean Church in Etna. A second memorial service will be held Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 10:30 AM at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Yreka, followed by graveside services at Evergreen Cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend both services.