



Fredrick Lawrence Ruff

December 19, 1917 - November 4, 2013

Fredrick Lawrence Ruff was born on Dec. 19, 1917, at home in Etna. He died on Nov. 4, 2013, at his home in Fort Jones, surrounded by his family.

A Scott Valley Native American Indian, he was a member of the Karuk Tribe and a Shasta descendent. He lived 95 years fishing the rivers and hunting the mountains of Scott Valley. Baseball was his sport as a young man. He was on the Fort Jones town team and coached his little league team, "the Dodgers." He was offered to try out for the big league but passed it up to care for his family. He also played on the basketball team, "Rosies Bar Flies" of Fort Jones. He operated heavy equipment and built logging roads throughout the north state. He was a timber faller and mentor to young loggers and young people throughout his life. He was best known for his love for nature and Scott Valley. In the 1930s, he worked at the Fort Jones creamery making ice cream and butter; his favorite was plum raisin. He also drove the ice cream truck, delivering all over the county. During this time, he married his high school sweetheart Janey Siglar on Dec. 16, 1939. They were married for 32 years. She passed away in 1970. They had two children.

He is survived by his children, Tom Ruff of Redding and Kathryn (Ruff) Beatty of Fort Jones; and two grandchildren, Ed Beatty and his wife Teresa, and Susan Beatty of Fort Jones. He is also survived by his longtime friend and companion Judy Growney of Fort Jones. He was a husband, father, grandpa, uncle, cousin, brother and friend of the highest quality.

He was predeceased by his father, George Ruff; his mother Edna (Burcell)

Ruff; and five siblings, John Ruff, Bea Decious, Elenor Planinac, Mary Myhre and Marjorie (Howerton) Chisholm.

Services are scheduled for Nov. 10, 2013, at the Fort Jones Community Center at 1 p.m., followed by graveside interment at the Fort Jones Cemetery. A potluck will follow after interment at the community center.