



## George Francis Mott

February 12, 1928 - March 2, 2013

George Mott, 85, of Yreka, passed away on March 2, 2013 in Medford, Oregon after a short illness.

George was born on February 12, 1928 in Sonora, California to Glenn and Ruth (Basher) Mott. He was raised in the foothills of Amador County and graduated from C K McClatchy High School in Sacramento.

George joined the United States Navy in 1946, where he served as a motor machinist. After his service, he worked as an ice deliveryman. At the 1948 State Fair, he met the love of his life, Dorothy Clark, from Montague. Within a few months of their meeting, George relocated to Siskiyou County to be closer to Dorothy. They were married in June, 1949 and began their life together farming 80-acres in the Shasta Valley.

He worked as a farmer, mechanic, bus driver and truck driver until 1956 when he purchased his first logging truck. While driving a truck, George was able to move his family to Yreka and expand his business. In 1970, he purchased a second truck for his oldest son to drive. Within ten years, all three of his sons were driving log trucks for the family business. He was very proud to have his sons working with him and sharing his knowledge about the trucks and diesel motors. Being an advocate of preventative maintenance, he is remembered as having the needed tools, helping hand or advice to get a truck back on the road. George Mott provided jobs for many through the years and expanded his company to 16 trucks during the peak of logging in Siskiyou County.

George, along with other log truckers in Northern California, saw a need to

preserve and promote log trucking in the north state. In 1975, they formed the Loggers Association of Northern California (LANC). George served as president for many years and LANC is still active today.

Family was important to him and he enjoyed celebrating their accomplishments with them, either by being there or at the celebration afterwards. He enjoyed traveling and he and Dorothy took many memorable trips throughout the United States. In retirement, he remodeled a 1941 Ford, which was used as a get-away car at a few of the family weddings. Having a green thumb, he was very proud of his vegetable garden, strawberries, raspberries and roses and shared with all who stopped by.

George is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 63 years; sons and daughter-in-laws, Dean and Candy Mott, Doug and Trucy Mott and Bryan and Kellie Mott; grandchildren, Nicole and Justin Johnsrud, Derek and Lacey Mott, Lisa and Bo Hands, Christopher and Candi Mott, Joshua Mott, Robert and Danyel Mott, Eric and Kristi Wilson, Randi and Donald Lee and Kari and Matt Libby and great grandchildren, Gracie and Judd Johnsrud, Rowdy Mott, Breanne and Wayd Hands, Kayden and Ian Mott, Easton Mott, Kole and Kaden Wilson, Kassidy and Tana Ashby and Ty and Hayden Libby. He is also survived by a sister Mary Mead, of San Jose and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 8, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Yreka Nazarene Church with private burial at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of Hibbard Field, PO Box 1705, Yreka, CA 96097, United Scholarship, Inc., PO Box 1328, Yreka, CA 96097 or to a favorite charity.