



## Gene H. Rippe

December 23, 1930 - September 27, 2010

Gene H. Rippe, a 79 year old resident of Fort Jones, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 27th, 2010 at his home.

Gene was born in Oakland on December 23, 1930. He and his brother were adopted in Fresno by 3 school teachers and their brother. Gene served in the Korean War, serving with the rank of Sergeant .

Gene worked at the Oakland Zoo and took care of the elephants. What stories he could tell you! He then took a job with the city of San Leandro as a street sweeper for 28 years. He met and married Rita Carroll on February 21, 1988. They lived in Livermore. Gene retired in 1990 and in 2000, Gene and Rita moved to Fort Jones.

Gene is survived by his wife, Rita Rippe; his brother, Dick Rippe and wife Daisy of Carmichael; daughter, Wendy Rippe of Lodi and step-daughters Veronica and Donna; step-daughters, Virginia Nelson of Yreka and Barbara Owens and husband Paul of Yreka; step-son, Kenneth Carroll of Fort Jones; grandchildren, Wesley and Gladys Melton of Fairfield, Jeremy and Maria Melton of Oakley, Jennifer and Kenny Frickett of Yreka and Jessica Farrish of Mantica. He is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren, David, Mercedes and Joseph Farrish of Mantica, Eddie, Drew, Cory and Cooper Frickett of Yreka, Daniel, Nathan and Natalie Melton of Fairfield and Michelle and Marissa Melton of Oakley.

There will be a small service at a later date for family members. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at w

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