



## Henry "Chet" C. McBroom

February 15, 1929 - October 15, 2017

Lifelong Siskiyou County resident Henry C. McBroom passed away on October 15, 2017 in Yreka. He was 88 years old.

“I was born on February 15, 1929 in Cecilville, the son of John O. McBroom and Ada May George McBroom. I attended grades 1 through 8 at Cecilville, and 9 through 12 at Etna High School.”

“My young life, age to 14 years, was a life of hard work involving range cattle, packing mules, tourists, to mines and hauling chrome ore for two summers, haying and lots of chores. But there was always time for hunting, fishing and roaming the hills for the wild game and fish.”

“I milked cows by hand for board and room at the Callahan Ranch Hotel from September 1943 through the summer of 1945, worked trails for the USFS at 16 years old. From September 1945 to about August 1947 I milked cows for board and room for Tony King at French Creek, and a wonderful man he was. I worked a little for the Seaver family, some ranch work, drove CAT and a short while in the woods.”

“I joined the U.S. Army on July 6, 1948, serving until mid October, 1951. I married Earlene May Hiatt on September 22, 1948. I served in a postal unit at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii. My wife joined me there on March 25, 1949. It

was where our oldest son, Glenn, was born. Later I was stationed at Fort Ord. My duty was administering the Army Aptitude Tests to new recruits.”

“We had five children: Glenn, Dean, Sally, Clint and Johnnie Marie (Mitzi), 20 grandchildren, 23 great grandkids and three great great grandkids, also sons and daughters-in-law. My mother and father, two sisters and two brothers predeceased me.”

“I worked in the woods most of my life, driving CAT some and 46 years of falling timber for many fine employers. I had a successful few years hard rock mining. I have lived near Sawyers Bar most of my adult life since 1954. Life has been good. I have had lots of friends, good employers and a great family (and lots of fun).”

Graveside services will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Etna Cemetery, and Henry will be on time, so don't be late. There will be a potluck reception following the service at the Etna City Park. A dish of your choice to share will be much appreciated by the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Salmon River Volunteer Fire and Rescue are suggested.

# Cemetery Details

## Etna Cemetery

Sawyers Bar Road  
Etna, CA 96027

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To everyone in the McBroom family, we are thinking of you at this time and remembering Chet. He and my dad always enjoyed playing together at Sawyers Bar dances in the Salmon River Snipers band. We also appreciated his commitment as a vet to making sure our family graves had flags placed on them every year. A hard-working man of integrity and quiet strength...remembered and missed.

*KC (Corbett) Gilroy and family*



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**KC (Corbett) Gilroy** - October 25, 2017 at 02:00 PM

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“ McBroom family, I am so sorry for your loss of Chet. I remember all the wonderful music at the dances at Forks of Salmon while growing up on the Salmon River as a kid. You have your faith and a great family to support each other through this loss. Remember all the good memories you have, They will always be with you in your heart.. Hug each other often and God bless all of you .

*Barbara Lipke Silvius*

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**Barbara Lipke Silvius** - October 23, 2017 at 08:52 PM

HL

“ *Last of the "old timers", I think. Always enjoyed running into him and his wife up Eddy gulch during hunting season. Nothing but good thoughts....*

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**Harry lipke** - October 19, 2017 at 11:37 PM

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“ *Tina L Bennett lit a candle in memory of Henry "Chet" C. McBroom*



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**Tina L Bennett** - October 19, 2017 at 01:14 AM