



Herbert Avery Smith

August 10, 1921 - July 4, 2013

Herb Smith, of Weed, CA, died peacefully at Shasta View Nursing Center on Thursday evening, July 4, 2013.

Herb was born in Redwood City, California on August 10, 1921, the only child of Weighstell and Rita Cardoza Smith. After graduating from high school, he joined the US Navy and served in Europe and North Africa until his honorable discharge in 1946. He worked at various independent grocery stores in Oakland and Alameda until his retirement in 1977.

Herb's cousin introduced him to the love of his life, Wilma "Billie" Smith, and they were married in Reno, Nevada on August 16, 1947; they lived in San Lorenzo until his retirement, and then moved to Lake Shastina. After Billie died in 2010, Herb continued to live at home by himself until a few weeks before his death.

Herb volunteered with the Lake Shastina Fire Department and was honored for 28 years of service in 2005. He was a charter member of the Lake Shastina Community Bible Church and helped build the sanctuary. He enjoyed many years golfing with the Lake Shastina Men's Group and scored his first hole-in-one when he was 88 years old.

Herb is survived by his daughter Gail Costello (Dan), Paradise; stepson Leon Thompson (Betty), Weed; and four grandchildren: Shane Costello (Vicki Savanella), Tarrytown, NY; Liz Luck (Todd), Juneau, AK; David Thompson (Vicki), Billings, MT; and Katy Perreard (Dana), Sherrill, IA; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years Billie Smith and infant great-grandson Justice Costello.

Herb's and Billie's cremains will be buried in the Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Igo, CA on August 13, 2013 at 11 am.