



Jack Willis Gilliland

December 10, 1934 - September 2, 2011

Jack Willis Gilliland passed away peacefully on September 2, 2011.

Jack was born on December 10, 1934 to Johnny and Vera Gilliland in Tennessee. He was the oldest of eight children and was raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of eighteen, fought in the Korean War and traveled all over the world. When he came home from the military, he joined his family in the Southern California area and worked as a printer for the Union Rescue Mission print shop for over twenty seven years. He came to Yreka in 1996 to retire and live close to his sister, Linda Clayton, brother-in-law John Clayton, niece Kim Muir and nephew Christopher Clayton. Jack was an avid reader and sports enthusiast. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, taking short trips and playing lots of Scrabble with his sister Linda. Jack was a fun loving and interesting person that preferred the simple life. Friends and family could always count on him to make them laugh. He will be greatly missed.

Jack was predeceased by his parents, Johnny and Vera Gilliland, two of his sisters, Juanita Boag and Dorothy Band, and a brother, James Russell Gilliland. Jack leaves behind his brothers, Fred Gilliland of Lincoln, Nebraska and John Gilliland of Custer, S.D.; his sisters Wanda Tisdell of Montclair, CA, Linda Clayton and her husband John of Yreka; many nieces and nephews, including Rhonda Vickeroy of Azusa, CA, Christopher and Erin Clayton of Yreka, their children Cole and Camille, Kim and Scott Muir of Chico and their son, R.J.

Jack's work and service with the Union Rescue Mission was commemorated with a plaque upon his retirement. The plaque contained the following bible verse describing Jack's dedication to those served by his work at the mission: Luke chapter 4 verse 18.

At Jack's request, no services will be held.