



James Edward Irvine

October 1, 1931 - April 19, 2025

Lifelong Siskiyou County resident, James Edward Irvine, passed away on April 19, 2025 at Madone Hospice in Yreka, California. He was 93 years old. He was born in Yreka Hospital on Main Street, on October 1, 1931 to George McKinley Irvine and Thelma Beth (Kinyon) Irvine. His grandparents, George Irvine and Florence Ann moved to Yreka in the early 1920's. His grandfather, George Irvine applied for citizenship in 1931 in Yreka, and became a US citizen in 1935. James' father, George, owned a local gas station in Yreka known as the "Flying A" on the corner of North and Main Streets, and his mother, Thelma, was also a local business owner running a cafe/dress shop just down the street.

James was the youngest of two children, William Irvine his brother. James grew up in Yreka where he graduated from Yreka High School on June 10th, 1949. He later went on to Chico State where he earned a Baccalaureate Degree of the Arts, on January 24, 1958. James enlisted in the United States Air Force from July 23, 1951 to June 11st, 1955. He was a member of the newly organized 1707th Air Transport Wing, joining as an E-1 and discharging as a Staff Sergeant. Starting work in 1955 in the US Forest Service, he made a living as a Timber Sales Manager for 34 years. He retired in 1989.

When not working, James enjoyed many hobbies which included: hunting, packing, fishing, spending time in the woods, cutting firewood, and woodworking. He would often hike to various mountains in the Siskiyou County area such as Statue Lake, the Russian Lakes, Fish Lakes, to name a

few. He was a long time member of the Bowmans Club. Family and friends were very important to him. James was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and by a daughter, Kimberly Christine Irvine. James is survived by two children: Kevin and (Rose) Irvine of Yreka, and Scott Irvine of Hayfork; grandchildren Ciara, Israel, Christeine, Jordan, Kimberly, Langdon, and Sierra; great-grandchildren Anthony, Dominic, Alice, Daniel, and Freya; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

James will be laid to rest in their family plot in Evergreen Cemetery and a pilgrimage to Statue Lake in his honor. James was very loved and will be forever missed by many. May you rest in peace Dad: a father, a son, a friend, a community member, gone but never forgotten.

Tribute Wall



“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for James Edward Irvine - June 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM