



James Gordon Thelander

May 19, 1914 - February 11, 2011

James "Gordon" Thelander of Yreka passed away peacefully in the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka on February 11, 2011. He was 96 years old.

Gordon was born May 19, 1914 near Oroville, the third of five children born to John and Anna Thelander. He grew up on a farm outside of Oroville. As a young man he played in several sports including his love of running. He graduated from Gridley High School. During the Depression, he and his brother would spend long hours farming for neighbors to supplement the family income. His fascination with heavy equipment led him to be a dredger operator and then a heavy equipment operator, including a Caterpillar. He met and married Georgia Lee in 1936. His love of the outdoors took him to Feather falls where he worked in timber. In 1946 he moved his family to Westwood, CA and began his career with Fruit Growers Supply and became a foreman. After a few years in Susanville, he became a resident of Siskiyou County in 1957, where he continued to work with FGS at Hilt. In the early 1980's he retired from FGS. He was a Masonic member for over 50 years.

Gordon loved to fish, hunt birds and garden. Before and after his retirement he was an avid golfer. He was a happy, jovial man and always gave everyone a good laugh with his "Gordonisms". He will be sorely missed by everyone. Gordon is survived by his wife of almost twenty years, Agnes, of Yreka; his son Jann of Indianapolis, IN; his daughter Dee of Northridge; grandchildren Michael and Michelle; four great grandchildren, plus step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his

first wife, Georgia, his second wife, Margaret, and siblings Earl, Grace, Al and Bob.

A memorial service will be held at the Yreka Berean Church, 203 Wetzel Way in Yreka on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM.