



John Louis Crechriou

December 8, 1923 - January 28, 2015

John L. Crechriou, age 91 of Gazelle, passed away peacefully at the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka on January 28, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn. He is survived by his son, Dean E. Crechriou and his wife Joanna of Dixon, and his son, John V. Crechriou and his wife Cyndi of Gazelle. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John was born on December 8, 1923 in the Shasta Valley to Eugene Crechriou and Gertrude Sissel. He grew up on a ranch outside of Gazelle doing ranch chores, driving a team of horses during the haying, riding the hills between Shasta and Scott Valley looking for cows and hunting to help feed the family during the years of the great depression. He attended school in Gazelle, and went to high school first in Weed and then Yreka where he graduated in 1941. Shortly after graduation, he signed up with the Army and served in combat in Europe during World War II.

He worked at a variety of jobs during his life including helping the Parker brothers take their cattle into the mountains during the summer, working in Weed at the mill and the factory, and many years of driving log and lumber trucks. He spent a good number of years prior to his retirement working at Etna High School, where he drove and maintained the buses as well as working on custodial and construction tasks for the district. He enjoyed his time driving the sports teams to their away games and helping kids with some

of their special projects. There are quite a few people of a certain age in Scott Valley who still have “bus driver John” stories.

In retirement, John moved back to land that had belonged to his grandparents and went back to ranching. Long after he probably should have stopped, he could be seen out in the fields he planted, haying or changing hand line or riding along in his pickup with one of his faithful dogs beside him to check on the cows. He spent his life taking care of land, machinery, livestock, pets and people, all of which flourished because of him.

There will be a memorial service at Girdner Funeral Chapel on February 6 at 2 pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
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