



## Leslie Ray Hammer

June 25, 1935 - October 6, 2015

Siskiyou County native Leslie Ray Hammer passed away October 6, 2015 at Madrone Hospice in Yreka. He was 80 years old.

Leslie was born June 25, 1935 in Fort Jones. He graduated from Fort Jones High School and attended Shasta College. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1956 and received an honorable discharge in 1962. In 1957, he married Judy Dittus. They had three children, and the family made their home in Fremont, California, where Leslie was employed at Varian Associates.

Leslie relocated to Siskiyou County in the early 1970's. He met Mary Parker in 1979, and after a 30 year loving courtship, they were married in 2009. Leslie was a loyal employee for Yreka Hardware for 43 years. He retired in February of 2015. Leslie loved the outdoors, and during his younger years enjoyed fishing and annual hunting and camping trips with friends. Hiking trips into the Marble Mountains were a highlight of the summers. He was an avid reader. If you mentioned a subject, he had a book on it. His many, many books were hard cover and non-fiction.

Leslie is survived by his wife, Mary, and their granddaughter, Gracie; his brother, Clifford Hammer; his three children, Michelle Marinese (Bruce), Mitchell Hammer (Mer) and Marla Hammer; eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was also loved and

respected by Mary's children: Lene', Logan, Bob (Jenny) and Christina and their children who also loved him. He will be terribly missed.

A memorial celebration of Leslie's life will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Yreka Elk's Lodge. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097. Thank you to the folks at Madrone, who made it their top priority to ensure Leslie's comfort, and also that of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jones Cemetery

Eastside Road  
Fort Jones, CA 96032

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 2:00 PM (PT)

Yreka Elks Lodge  
332 W. Miner Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a guy! Always a big smile and a "How can I help you today?" at Yreka Hardware. You will be missed and so will Yreka Hardware. You were a part of that place for years*

*God bless you and your family and may they keep the memories alive.*

*Barbara Lipke Silvius*

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**Barbara Lipke Silvius** - December 01, 2015 at 11:52 PM

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“ *Les, I will miss you---miss talking with you...."hey Les, remember back when.....". Bob Mitchell*

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**R Mitchell** - October 16, 2015 at 12:15 PM

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“ *Less was my boss at Yreka Hardware for 6 years. He was a great boss,teacher, and friend. He is going to be missed by my family and I*



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**Mike Aceves** - October 14, 2015 at 10:01 PM