



## Merwyn Stanley Rickey

September 2, 1927 - May 26, 2014

Scott Valley resident Merwyn Stanley Rickey, 86, passed away peacefully at home on Monday May 26th, 2014.

He was born to Herbert and Evelyn Rickey on September 2, 1927 in San Francisco, Ca. His family moved to Scott Valley in 1938. He graduated from Etna Union High School, joined the Navy where he served as a medic. He married his High School sweetheart Dorothy Whipple on March 8th 1947 and they moved to Arcata, Ca. where he graduated from Humboldt State University with honors as an English Major, followed by a year in Sweden where Merwyn furthered his studies in Literature, and worked in the Logging industry.

They moved back to Scott Valley in 1957 where he taught English and Drama at Etna High School until retirement.

Merwyn was a philosopher, writer, photographer and a voice for peace. He enjoyed backpacking, the simple pleasures of nature and the company of his family and friends. He was a Hospice volunteer for many years.

Merwyn is survived by his daughters Chloe Grenvik (husband Jeff), Sharmel Christ, sons Paul Rickey (wife Michelle) Kevin Rickey (wife Susan) sisters Elta Towne and Shirley Biagi,;grandchildren Clair Blais, Jaime Banks, Vaughn Sims, Adrian Graves, Jessica Anderson, Shawn and Angela Rickey and Eli and Jenny Rickey. He also had 12 great-grandchildren and was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Rickey, brother Don Rickey and son-in law Ken Christ.

There will be a Memorial on June 7th at 3:00 p.m. at the Etna City Park.  
Potluck reception to follow. In lieu of flowers donations to Madrone Hospice  
would be appreciated.

The family would like to extend our gratitude to the many friends and Hospice  
members that made Merwyn's last year so special.