



Norwood Ray Erich

June 4, 1929 - September 24, 2013

Norwood R. Erich passed away at his home in Big Springs on Tuesday, September 24th of 2013 following a valiant battle against cancer.

Norwood was born to Ezra E. Erich and Lorena Van Slyke Erich on June 4, 1929 in Redding, California. He graduated from both grammar and high school in the Redding area and joined the United States Air Force. While in the Air Force, he obtained the rank of First Lieutenant and ended his career of four years as a fighter pilot flying F86's.

In 1949 he married Ann Maddox and they had two children, Judith and Matthew.

After serving in the United States Air Force, he graduated with a Doctor of Juris Prudence from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1958.

Shortly thereafter, he was one of the three founding partners of the firm of Hardy, Erich and Brown, specializing in defense litigation in Sacramento. This firm grew to be one of the largest defense firms in northern California. In 1980 he opened a satellite office of Hardy, Erich and Brown in Redding, California; at the time of his retirement he was working with Timothy Nisson, James Pinson, and Larry Hill. In 1994 he retired from that firm and those three attorneys continue to practice law as Nisson, Pinson and Hill.

He lost everything in the Round Mountain fire in Shasta County and then moved to Siskiyou County in 1992 and purchased a ranch in Big Springs. He continued to operate this ranch up to the date of his death with his devoted foreman and compatriot Ben Beer.

In 2000 he married Carole Lane and she passed away in 2012.

Norwood is survived by his daughter, Judith Lohse of Artois, California;

Matthew Erich of Sacramento, California; his brother Ted Erich of Reno, Nevada; grandsons, Greg and Kevin Lohse and his much-loved dog, Reba.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, September 28th, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at the Little Shasta Cemetery on Harry Cash Road, Montague, California.

In lieu of flowers donations to one's favorite charity is requested.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Norwood in the early 80s and feel I am a better person for it. An "Old School" guy. Once you were his friend you were a friend for life. A lot of good stories and laughs were always on tap after 5pm in Uncle Norwood's Lounge. He will be missed.

Phil Napsha - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Norwood was a great inspiration to me. Before I became an attorney in 1980 I performed legal research for him and he mentored me in my quest to practice law. Always a gentleman, a great lawyer and good man, he leaves many good memories. My condolences to his family and friends.

John Kucera - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM