



Oliver William Johnson

November 17, 1920 - February 3, 2011

Oliver William Johnson, 90 year old Siskiyou County native, passed away at his home in Etna on Thursday, February 3, 2011 following a short illness. Oliver was born on November 17, 1920 at Chrystal Creek near Etna, the only child of Oliver and Wilma Johnson. Both of his parents passed away when he was very young and he was raised by different family members in the Etna area. He attended local schools and graduated from Etna High School in 1939.

Oliver joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and served through the end of the war, being discharged in February of 1946. He was stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, near Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. On November 14, 1946 Oliver married a classmate from high school, Deanist "Deanie" Kist and the couple made their home in Scott Valley. Deanie passed away on April 13, 2005.

Oliver worked on the family ranch and as a logger. In the 1960's, he became a self-employed butcher, retiring in the 1990's. He loved his horses and going camping in the Marble Mountains. He enjoyed hunting with his dogs along with deer hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his daughter, Geraldean Christopher of Gerlach, Nev.; 4 grandsons, Brandon Munson, Justin Munson and his wife, Erin, Lorne Christopher and Layne Christopher; 4 great grandchildren, Will and Kiely Munson and Garrett and Evan Oliver Munson and many wonderful friends and family. He was preceded in death by his son, Bill, in 1973.

Memorial graveside services and inurnment are scheduled for Thursday,

February 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Etna Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097 or to the American Legion Post 260, Perry Harris, PO Box 193, Etna, CA 96027. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.