



Palmer "Wes" Wesley Cunningham Jr.

April 12, 1930 - July 30, 2012

A new saint was welcomed into heaven this week. How do you describe a man's life in 300 words? A life should be more than statistics, such as "Palmer Wesley Cunningham, a long time resident of Siskiyou County, was born in Oklahoma on April 12, 1930, and he died on July 30, 2012." Wes Cunningham will not be written about in any history books, but in his 82 years he successfully made an impact on the people around him. This man was not wealthy in a material sense, but he left a legacy to his children, Kelly, Jim, and John. One of us is clever; one of us is strong; and one of us is kind. He was all three. He loved his wife of 56 years, Joyce Cunningham, so well that she earnestly cared for him to the end of his life. He was often heard describing himself as the "luckiest man on earth." His great granddaughter, Addison, is too young to remember Wes, but he will be the legend that her father, Corey, and her aunt, Keri, will always be telling her about. She will hear how "you could never beat this man in a card game", "he always came back with the best bargains at yard sales because he was so friendly", and "the local CHP office probably still remembers what a prankster Officer Wes was." His other grandchildren, Christopher, Lexi, and Jade, as well as his daughters-in-law, Suni and Dyan, will also remember Wes' generosity and his zest for life. This was a man who could build anything you needed, and who never let you down. Wes Cunningham was loved, and he will be sorely missed. Services for Wes will be private.