



Gene "Putch" Dauber

June 11, 1918 - May 10, 2011

Gene A. "Putch" Dauber, 92-year-old Yreka resident, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at his home in Yreka following a short illness. Putch was born June 11, 1918 in Inman, Kansas, to Julius and Emma Dauber. He attended schools in Missouri and was drafted into the U.S. Army in Iowa in 1941. He was first stationed in Trinidad, completed "Jump School" training in Fort Benning, Georgia, and was a paratrooper in World War II, making a total of 17 jumps. His first combat jump was behind enemy lines in the "Battle of the Bulge", and he earned a Purple Heart before being discharged in 1945. In August, 1948, he married Violet Bauer in San Diego. Putch retired from Standard Oil (Chevron) after 33 years and he and Violet moved to Yreka in June of 1999 to be closer to his much-loved family, after residing more than 50 years in Avenal, CA.

Putch led an enjoyable and rewarding life, infecting those around him with his love, kindness, and humor. An avid baseball fan, Putch spent time coaching his son's Little League team and rooting tirelessly for the San Francisco Giants. His love for horses and children led him to volunteer for Stable Hands, a therapeutic riding program in Siskiyou County...even at the age of 90! Putch never missed an opportunity to socialize, and he did so regularly at the YMCA, McDonald's, and church, places he most loved to frequent.

Putch is survived by Violet, his wife of 62 years, his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Castle, two granddaughters, Sadie and Logan, great granddaughter, Gibson, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends that loved

him dearly. He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth, in 1973, as well as his seven siblings.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Greenhorn Grange in Yreka on Sunday, May 29th at 2:00pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Stable Hands, 9312 Guys Gulch Rd., Yreka, CA 96097 or to Grace Community Church, 1418 Grizzly Ct., Yreka, CA 96097. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.