



Richard "Dick" Pack

July 7, 1921 - November 11, 2014

On November 11, 2014, Richard Lee (Dick) Pack went to be with his God and Father and Saviour. In his last days, he was surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a resident of Klamath River for over 60 years. He is remembered for his love of family and service to the community and the Horse Creek Community Church. He served the church faithfully as teacher, camp counselor, and elder. A memorial and celebration of his life were held there on Nov. 16. He will be missed by many friends gained during his life and travels around this great country.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Isabel (Ritter) Pack; sons and daughters: Rick (Odette), Randy (Colleen), David (Carol), Dale (Merry); Beverley Thoin, Brenda (Mike) Nowdesha, Juliane Starks (Dustin); 16 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Frances Pack, a sister, Leila Simons, and a brother, Edward Pack.

Dick's love of adventure always led him to see what was over the next hill and around the next corner. He attended Pullman State University to study agriculture and dairy herd improvement, then to Kodiak, Alaska in 1947. He married Isabel in 1948 and they lived in Kodiak for 2 years. Opportunity led him to move his young family to the Klamath River in 1954, where he bought the ranch and farm that became the family home to this day. In addition to the

farm life, he worked in the woods until he retired in 1982, first as a timber faller on road building crews for Long-Bell Lumber and then International Paper Co. In the off-seasons, following the devastating 1955 Haystack Fire, he planted many sections of new trees. He began a career with the US Forest Service in 1963 and worked from the Seiad and Oak Knoll Ranger Districts until his retirement.

After retirement, he built a new house at the upper corner of the ranch and then began many RV adventures around the US and Canada, including several trips to Alaska. He always had many activities. Dick and Isabel traveled many years with the SKP RV club. He was a founding member and first president of Or-Cal Stateline SKP Chapter 37. He also served on the SKP Genealogy Project. On several trips, he worked with Hard Hats for Christ in their construction projects for churches.

When relaxing at home or on the road, he was an avid reader of novels by Louis LaMour, Dick Francis and John Grisham. He also spent many hours over the years with his extensive stamp collection. He will be remembered by the Gideon's International Bible ministry for his dedication in serving as treasurer and in spreading God's Word to public institutions and prisons.

Dick and Isabel both worked with Hospice patient care in the Yreka area. They also spent many hours planting flowers and trees for the Hospice House when it was opened. He was a regular blood donor and was recently congratulated by the Blood Bank for his 100th donation.

His remains will reside in the Henley/Hornbrook Cemetery. Those who wish are encouraged to make donations in his name to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 3:00 PM (PT)

Horse Creek Community Church
28836 Highway 96
Horse Creek, CA 96050

Tribute Wall



“*“Mr. Pack” as I called him back in the 1970’s, led my 5th & 6th Grade Boys Bible Study at the Horse Creek Church. I always respected him as a Godly Man! Now at age 47, I see more and more that America needs more men like Dick Pack! I know he has won the race and received the prize which Christ has called us heavenward! I know I will see him again one day!*

On a side note, I remember Dick (a Forester with the old Oak Knoll Ranger District) as he came to Seiad Valley School and led our field trip into the Klamath National Forest, where we got to see him in action talking about the forest and its practices.

Dick helped shape me into the man I am today!

Sincerely,

*Doug Miller
Pastor of Outreach
Adventure Christian Church
Roseville, CA*

Doug Miller - November 19, 2014 at 12:42 AM

DP

*Doug,
On behalf of my family, what you posted on here really means a lot. I just happened to go here today from a link in the obituaries in Siskiyou Daily News. I will make sure my mother sees what you had to say.*

*Thanks again so much!
Dale Pack*

Dale Pack - November 19, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MB

To the Pack Family....I well remember all the Dick and Isabel did for Hospice. They were more than caregivers of their time. They gave of their love and support to all. Every time you called them with a need~they responded, and were there for you. He was a man of Honor and Dedication to all. Thank you Packs for the greatness of this man. Fond memories to you Isabel. Mary Lou (La Com) Benson

Mary Lou (La Com) Benson - November 20, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MR

I remember Dick and the Pack family fondly and offer my condolences to the family. Dick and Isabel were especially appreciated during my late mother's final days when they provided hospice assistance.

Mary Robinson - November 25, 2014 at 01:09 PM