



Robert Thomas Shanahan

September 5, 1927 - February 9, 2017

Robert Shanahan passed away on February 9, 2017, at the Madrone Hospice, Yreka, after many health challenges in the past two years. Robert was born to William Bryan and Gladies Shanahan on September 5, 1927, in Antioch, California. He started off his sea-going life at age 17, by joining the Merchant Marines to serve in WWII. He worked his way up through the foc'sle to become a Chief Engineer, followed by another career as a shipping company President. This position entailed being in charge of two self-unloading vessels which loaded gypsum rock, in San Marcos Island, Mexico, for delivery to four plants on the West Coast, to manufacture wallboard.

Robert's above careers were interrupted by being drafted into the Korean War, in the 50's, and his job of teaching the mechanics of Abram tanks to students in Japan, at The Eta Jima Specialist School.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Diana, of Montague; his son, Kenneth Shanahan (Elizabeth), of Weed; his daughter, Laretta Blackmon (Leo), of Hesperia; Linda, the mother of his children; his stepson, Steven Larsen and sons, of Martinez. He also leaves three beloved granddaughters and two great grand-children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, William, his sister, Patricia, his sister, Colleen, and his previous wife, Louise.

Father Emmanuel, his great nephew, will conduct a service at the Most Holy Rosary Church in Antioch, CA on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 12:00 Noon. Robert will be laid to rest at the Union Cemetery in Brentwood, CA with military honors immediately following the service.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

11545 Brentwood Blvd.
Brentwood, CA 94513

Previous Events

Mass of the Christian Burial

FEB 17. 12:00 PM (PT)

Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church
1313 A Street
Antioch, CA 94509

Tribute Wall

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“ Bob was a great person to sail with and I can remember many trips we made on the "Lunchbox" and the "Carrier" up and down the coast from San Marcos. Lost track of Bob when Kaiser left the steamship business and I came ashore. Great Chief and a pleasure to be around.

Pete Jaarsma

Peter Jaarsma - February 16, 2017 at 11:11 PM

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“ Bob's vision and development of the Squat Trailer was definitely visionary, and assistance with allowing the Siskiyou County volunteers to develop the county state fair booth's are only part of the reason it was great working with both of you. Bob's friendship and support meant a great deal to my family and me. Thank you so much for being a part of our lives. We'll always remember you fondly.

Shari Sandahl - February 16, 2017 at 12:27 PM