



Ross Herbert Harnden

July 18, 1920 - April 11, 2011

Ross Herbert Harnden, 90 year old long time Siskiyou County resident, passed away on Monday, April 11, 2011 at his home in Montague following a long illness.

Ross was born July 18, 1920 near Fox Park, Wyoming to Elbert and Myrtle Harnden and grew up in Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho. On March 21, 1940, he married Harriet Shelton in Glens Ferry, Idaho. The couple lived in Mitchell, Ore. for many years and Madras, Ore. for 2 years before moving to Happy Camp in 1958. Ross was a heavy equipment mechanic, working for Wes Bagley on logging and road construction equipment. He was known as an excellent welder. After retiring in 1976, the couple moved to Prineville, Ore., returning to Siskiyou County in the Klamath River area in 1990.

Ross loved his music and played both the guitar and the harmonica. He was also a lover of the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, taking his family camping and woodcutting. He was an excellent candy maker, loved telling jokes and was well known for playing horseshoes, no matter the weather.

Ross is survived by his wife of 71 years, Harriet, of Montague; three daughters, Patricia Ann Stacey of Montague, Nancy Crawford of Yreka and Dian Bray of Montague; 12 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; 4 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, including 4 special nephews he raised like sons, Kenny, David, Jim and Van. Ross was the 2nd youngest of 12 children and is preceded in death by his 3 sisters and 8 brothers.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 23, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Yreka Travel Plaza in Yreka. Memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.