



Stanley Harry Jerden

January 7, 1932 - March 5, 2013

Lifetime Siskiyou County resident Stan Jerden passed away Tuesday, March 5 at the age of 81.

Stan was born on January 7, 1932 to Harry and Hazel Jerden, and he was raised with his Karuk and Dutch families in Scott Bar. After graduating from Yreka High School, he served in the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1953 as a Platoon Sergeant for the Army's Communications Division.

Stan loved to hunt, fish and mine, and he imparted those skills to his six children. He worked at Pine Mountain Mill for 36 years, and as a carpenter and cabinet maker at Dexter's in Yreka. His love of woodcrafts - from carving to building - was a lifetime passion that he continued up until the day he entered the hospital. Many of his works can still be seen around Yreka, including a life-sized carving of a Native American man. Stan was always quick with a joke or a wise observation, and he was happy to teach his family how to cut a straight piece of wood or how to tie a fly. There was nothing his wife of 58 years wanted built, painted or carved that he would not oblige, and in his selflessness his family found a profound love that could not be hidden behind his sometimes gruff exterior.

While Stan will be greatly missed, he lives on in the crafts he made and the skills he taught, which we will pass on to others.

Stan is survived by his wife Phyllis, his daughter Janet Ellin and her husband Bryan, his daughter Jean Smith and her husband David and his son Dale, all of Yreka; his son David Jerden and his wife Donna and his son Dan Jerden

and his wife Catrina, all of Medford, Ore.; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Doug Jerden and, recently, his mother-in-law Clara L. Grote.

A celebration of Stan's life will be held on Saturday, March 16 at the Yreka Elk's Lodge starting at 12 p.m. and all who knew him are welcome to attend.