



Vernon Richard Hughes

March 5, 1935 - January 23, 2019

Vernon Richard Hughes was born on March 5, 1935 in Weaverville, CA to Virgil and Dora Hughes. He passed away on January 23, 2019 at home with his family and beloved dog Willow by his side. Vern joined the Air Force in 1954 and served in Guam until 1957. He married his wife, Mary in 1960 and they made their home in Happy Camp, CA. It was there he co-owned and operated H&H Logging. On March 20, 1963, Vern rescued a man in a runaway big rig in Blue Lake, CA and was later awarded a silver Andrew Carnegie Medal for his heroic act. During the summers in Happy Camp, Vern and his brother Andy would use their equipment to build a swimming hole with a nice sandy beach for all of the community to enjoy.

In 1975 Vern moved his family to Yreka. He was involved with the Lions and Elks clubs and coached Yreka Little League and Babe Ruth teams. He enjoyed watching his children's and later grandchildren's baseball and football games. Vern was an avid hunter and fisherman that enjoyed his big game hunting and took many fishing trips to Alaska. He was a friend to all that knew him.

Vern is survived by his wife of 58 years Mary, his children Vernadine Cook (Joshua, Mindy and Cody), Rhonda Martinez (Christopher, Jessica and Loryn), Richard Hughes (Shavelle, Clarence and Kyle), Randal Hughes (Aprill, Randall Vernon, Anna and Sara), and Chastity Eiler (Zachary, Kayla, Elizabeth

and Tristan). He is also survived by 10 great grandchildren. His surviving siblings Thomas Hughes, Carol Gebbia, Geraldine Spencer and Phyllis Williams. Vern also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews that loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Virgil Hughes, mother Dora Monday, brothers William (Bill) Hughes and Andrew Hughes, sisters Ramona Hughes, Cinderella Hughes and Virginia Hughes.

Services are scheduled for Tuesday January 29, 2019 at 1 pm at Bethel Assembly of God church in Yreka with graveside service to follow at Evergreen cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to attend potluck fellowship at the church after graveside service.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Top of Evergreen Lane
Yreka, CA 96097

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (PT)

Bethel Assembly of God Church
1115 Lane Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the Hughes family. Working with Vern and Mary was a delight and I've thought of them often. Some people are simply unforgettable and he was one.*
Kathy Toland

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