



William A. Florian

March 22, 1927 - May 12, 2011

William A. Florian, Sr., 84, of Yreka passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Fairchild Medical Hospital surrounded by his loving wife Winifred (Winnie) of 39 years and family.

Bill was born on March 22, 1927, in Sacramento, Calif., to Frank and Amelia Florian. He graduated from McClatchy High School in Sacramento, attended college, and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After his military service, he entered the retail grocery business, and in 1958 moved with his family to Yreka to manage the Safeway store. He worked in that field until his retirement in 1995 as manager of Gil's Supermarkets.

Bill enjoyed RVing with Winnie and friends, watching sports, and was an avid bowler, golfer, Giants, and 49ers fan. He was also an active 50-year honored member of the Elks Lodge 1980. For many years, Bill prepared breakfast for the county fair's 4-H livestock auction. He will be remembered as a caring, generous husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose heart and home were always open to his family and friends.

Bill is survived by his wife Winnie and their children William Florian, Jr. (Terry), Rick Robinson (Maryann), Nancy Holdener, Donna Bills (Bob), Ron Florian (Patti), John Robinson (Cordy), Marilyn Carnes (Hal), and Carolyn Hall (Glenn); and their 16 grandchildren Lynette, Ryan, Tracy, Cassondra, Jared, Anthony, Robert, Emily, Katy, Carla, Dustin, Stephanie, Lindsey, Jake, Julie, and Renae; and 11 great-grandchildren. Bill also leaves behind his sister Gladys and brother Jim (Bonnie). He is preceded in death by his son-in-law

Brian Holdener and his grandson Wilbur (Willy) Martin.

Services will be held on May 19, 1 p.m., at Girdner Funeral Chapel.

Immediately following the burial at Evergreen Cemetery, a reception will be held at Yreka's Elks Lodge. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Elks Lodge 1980, 322 W. Miner St., Yreka