



William Luis James

January 14, 1922 - August 20, 2010

William "Bill" Luis James, 88 year-old Yreka resident, passed away in Meadowlark Assisted Living on August 20, 2010. Bill was born on April 1, 1922 in Kern County to William and Ella James. He was raised in Kern County, Lake Isabella and Bakersfield. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during WWII. Bill worked for the California Highway Patrol for some thirty years. He was a motorcycle patrolman in Kern County. He was later transferred to Yreka as a patrolman, retiring from the Yreka office. After his retirement Bill enjoyed working part time for Novy Ranches. Bill lived in Bakersfield before moving Siskiyou County. He was a team roper and had his own arena for many years. Bill was a charter member a of the B.P.O.E. #1980 in Yreka. Survivors include two step-daughters, Claudia Robinson of Clovis and Jaki Bechtold of Oregon; two step-grandchildren, Kayce Wolcott, Brooke Baxter; two step-great grandchildren; a nephew, John Hall of Washington; and a very close friend and caregiver, Sue Koop. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen James and a step-daughter, Ardine Wolcott. Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left at www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com