



William David Lawe

June 26, 1918 - July 25, 2012

William David Lawe, age 94, a Shasta/Karuk Indian and a lifelong Siskiyou County resident, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at home surrounded by his family.

William was born June 26, 1918 in Yreka to David Daniel Lawe and Mamie Scott. He was the youngest of five children.

On October 23, 1946 William married Mary Jane Patterson and spent the next 66 years living, working and raising their five children in Yreka. William graduated from Yreka High School in 1937. During his high school years he lettered in track, football, baseball, basketball and tennis and to this day holds the record of lettering in five sports.

William loved sports and played and coached on a number of baseball and softball teams throughout the years. In later years he could be found attending sports events of his children, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the family. During his work years William worked as an electrician, a logger and for the U.S. Postal Service from which he retired.

William was predeceased by siblings Edith, George, John and Ed. William is survived by his children Arvada Nelson, Jackson Lawe, Lavon Kent, David Lawe and Carmen McCullough; his grandchildren Vince Nelson, John Kent, George Kent, René Guilford, Sherri Chiappone, Cy McCullough and numerous great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 10:00 AM at

Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka, followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery. A family reception will follow at the Karuk Tribal Housing Authority Administration building located at 1836 Apsuun Street in Yreka.

All who knew William and remember his ready smile are welcome to participate with his family in a celebration of his life.