



## William Raymond Miller

March 7, 1924 - September 29, 2015

He said that his 91 years, “was a real good ride.” William R. Miller passed painlessly on September 29, 2015 at the end of a short hospice. He had time to tell family and most friends goodbye and swap some memorable stories. He will be missed by all.

Bill was born March 7, 1924. He graduated from Fort Jones High School and married his high school sweet heart Alta Larsen in 1943. They were married 72 years. Both were born and raised in Fort Jones.

Bill joined the 1915th Engineer Aviation Battalion of the Army in March 1943, initially playing trumpet with the 59th Air Force Band and finishing in the Pacific theatre of war on Okinawa when WWII came to an end.

After the war Bill and Alta bought and operated the Fort Jones Drug Store for seven years. They then moved to Redding and worked in ranch real estate brokerage until retiring back to Fort Jones in 1989. Until passing Bill and Alta lived in the home they had built for his brother Jim in the 1960's.

Bill was one of five children of Scott Valley's Vesta Crawford and William Walker Miller. Sisters Bonnie and Jean and Brothers Jim and Sanford preceded Bill in death.

Bill was honored with one son, Bill (wife Ellie); three grandchildren: Todd (wife Shelley), Tim (wife Sarah), Tracey (husband Raymond). Bill leaves seven great grandchildren: Lauren, Brady, Anders, Caitlin, William, Chad and Justin. Bill and Alta also have an adopted grandson Erin (wife Stacey and son Cody). Bill was a proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Bills family and friends will remember him most as an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt and fish, snow ski, and water ski. He also enjoyed boating and white water rafting. Bill was a 55 year member of the Elks.

Bill said to thank all of you for being such good family and friends. We all loved you and will greatly miss you.

No services are scheduled.