



## William J. Morrison

January 16, 1926 - July 4, 2012

William J. "Bill" Morrison was born on January 16, 1926 in Lincoln, CA. He grew up on the family dairy with his parents, Alton and Francis and his sister Anita.

At age 16 he began three years of service to his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Bill was stationed aboard the USS Denver and saw action in the South Pacific.

Upon his discharge, he returned to run the award-winning family dairy farm in Lincoln. In 1947 Betty Lou Thompson and Bill married and remained on the farm until 1963 when the family moved to Etna to run a beef cattle ranch. Later Bill worked for several dairies and ranches in Scott Valley and was known as an outstanding cattleman.

In May of this year Bill was diagnosed with leukemia. On July 4th he won his independence from this broken earthly body to join the Lord and Betty who preceded him in 2010 and his son David who died in 2008. He is survived by his sons and their wives, Jim and Pat and Tom and Deanna, all of Yreka; his grandchildren Kayla and Rudy Smith, Holly and Daniel Hurst, and Tyler Morrison. His first great grandchild, Madilynn Hurst joined the family on July 6th. Bill also leaves his sister, Anita Johnson and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bill and Lois Thompson.

Bill will be remembered as an honest, hard working man who quietly served his Lord Jesus in many capacities.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the

Scott Valley Berean Church in Etna, followed by a potluck reception. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, 2700 S. Kidder Creek Road, Greenview, CA 96037 or the Senior Lunch Program at Scott Valley Berean Church, 134 Church Street, Etna, CA 96027.