



William Henry Munson

August 31, 1944 - December 17, 2024

William Henry Munson, of Scott Valley, passed away on December 17, 2024, Willie died unexpectedly doing what he loved, golfing. Willie was born on August 31, 1944 in Yreka to Janet Brandsma and Charles Gordon (Bud) Munson. He grew up near Callahan on the Munson Mill property. He, his siblings and cousins had many adventures at home, around the Dredger, the mill and in the mountains around Callahan, fishing, hunting and hiking. He graduated from Etna Union High School in 1962. He went to work for the Forest Service and became a Smoke Jumper. After his Forest Service stint, he went to work in the woods where he spent the remainder of his career. He is well known for his timber falling skills. Appropriately, he founded the Grumpy Timber Fallers - he could live up to that name at times!

Willie loved jokes, playing tricks and was always keeping everyone on their toes. He became a poet in his later life, inspired by his sister, Judy's, passing. Many young folks recited his down to earth, Scott Valley living type of poems. He was honored to write his special poems for many family and friends. He self-published his own poetry book, "Through the Eyes of a Logger". Even with a tough exterior, he was one of the most giving and generous people you have ever known. He never forgot birthdays, special occasions, or anniversaries. If your lawn was mowed anonymously, a random pickup load of wood showed up in your yard, or even a box of pitch kindling, you would know it was Willie not making a big deal out of it. He expected nothing in return, he just did it because he could.

Willie loved nothing more than a game of cribbage. His competitive nature and sharp mind made him a force to be reckoned with. He was always winning something, whether it be a crib game, lottery ticket, slot machines or a football game. He really did NOT like to lose. In Willie's later years, golfing became his passion. It was a game he loved to hate. He golfed every chance he got. Willie is survived by his sons, Brandon Munson (Gerlach, NV), Mikki Munson, (Spring Creek, NV), Justin and Erin Munson, (Elko, NV); his grandchildren, Will (Bleu), Kiely, Garrett and Evan Munson, Karin Newton, Clint, Jenny, Creed, Jackson and Zoe Newton, Greg, Laura and Graysa Newton. His sister, Diana VanNess (Don). Niece, Tracy Dickinson, great nieces Jana Padilla, Taylor Dickinson, great-great nieces, Iyla and Eleanor Padilla, nephew, Wade and Shelley Dickinson, great nieces/nephews, Colton, Payton and Carson Dickinson. He was predeceased by his father, Charles "Bud" Munson, Janet Brandsma Davis, brother, John, "Butch" Munson, and sister, Judy Dickinson. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. Although they lived far away, we all felt like we knew them well because of all the stories Willie would share about them.

A service will be held Saturday, December 28 at 2:00 PM at Scott Valley Berean Church. There will be cookies and coffee provided after.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:33 PM

MF

“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends 🙏🙏



Marsha Farley - December 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I don't remember exactly when I met Willie - maybe at mushball or through working for the forest service - but no matter where - he was always fun to talk with - his joking and friendly manner was always uplifting. Seeing him at the post office or just sitting in one of his many rockers on his front porch was something I always looked forward to. Rest in Peace Willie. You will be missed by many.

Mary Gausen - December 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Occasionally, in the last few years, I was able to stop and visit with Willie. We would talk poetry, although I was never one to write it. We would talk about a mountain peak (Texas Tommy) that he always kept track of when the first snow fell and when the last of the snow bank melted in summer. We'd sit on his front porch and I marveled at all the people who would wave or honk as they went by. Willie was a great man and logger, he will be missed.

Larry Maplesden - December 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ RIP Willie, you were a good friend.

Karen Ross Brown - December 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ricky an Cindy Turner - December 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ On December 17, on the way home from Medford, OR after receiving my ongoing cancer treatment, my husband and I, ran into Willie at the Fort Jones Post Office. True to his nature, he played one heck of a joke on me. Willie was one of those rare people who could have you smiling and excited just by running into him, and although it had been awhile, this meeting was no different. After catching up, laughing, and sharing news of our families for a good 20 - 30 minutes, when we finally said good-bye because he had a golf appointment to get to, both Willie and I had tears in our eyes. Right now, on this Christmas morning, I am thanking God that we had the chance to share some laughter and love as most likely, unknown to him. he was being prepared for his final journey. Please say a prayer for Willie as our son, Mario, and many others, I am sure, greet one of the GREATEST men our family has ever been fortunate to have known. Love you Willie, God Bless, and may you forever keep that beautiful smile!!!
Sue Jimenez and family

Suzanne Jimenez - December 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

IW

“ R.I.P. Willie 😭😭 condolences to his family 🙏🙏🙏

Ina Weigel - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sorry for your loss. Warm hugs to his family and friends.

Sharon Hall - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We will miss you Willie.

Roy Smith - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I met Willie in Salmon River when I was just a teenager. Willie always had a smile, a hug and a chuckle. Such a hardworking , kind, loving man and friend. I will miss you Willie.

Cynthia Samuel - Keno - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I will miss you forever Willie. We never lost touch even after Mom and Walt divorced. You told me once that that we would always be family. That made my heart happy. RIP Willie you will missed so much but never forgotten.

Linda Munson Keno - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for William Henry Munson - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ You will be missed my dear friend. All the jokes laughter and some birthday celebrations together. Hope you are playing lots of cribbage and golfing in heaven

Pam Hawkins - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ I am so *VERY SORRY* to hear of this. Many memories of this jokester.. I will *ALWAYS REMEMBER* his kindness and that *GORGEOUS SMILE*.

*Love and Light to ALL of you..
Memories live on FOREVER*



KimLen - December 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM