



## William Sterling Sanders

May 10, 1917 - June 26, 2011

William Sterling Sanders, 94 year old Siskiyou County native and Montague resident, passed away of natural causes on June 26, 2011 at Madrone Hospice House in Yreka. Born May 10, 1917 to Marvin and Margaret Sanders, William lived in Montague most all of his life except for a few years in Seiad Valley where he was employed by Highridge Lumber Co.

William was a WWII Veteran, serving four years in the U.S. Army Engineers as a heavy equipment operator in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and New Zealand. Prior to joining the service, he drove truck for King Solomon Mining Co. in the Salmon River area for six years.

In 1942, William married Etta Noma Walker and they celebrated their 57th anniversary before Etta preceded him in death in 1999.

William enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and baseball, once having pitched for the Montague Mustang baseball team of the early 1950's. Although they made him nervous, he was an avid San Francisco Giants fan. Most of all, he loved spending 45+ summers with his wife and friends at Medicine Lake.

He is survived by three daughters, Patricia Lensch, Sandi Elliott and Penny Giba and her husband, Jim, all of Montague; seven grandchildren, Brett Lensch and his wife, Barbara, of Washington, Danny Lensch of Washington, Jimmy John Ketchum of Selma, Oregon, Tracy and Edward Podoll, of Selma, Nicki Babb and Jay Willett of Montague, Ted Giba of Montague and Bill Giba and his wife, Alicia, of Santa Clarita and seven great grandchildren, Holly Podoll and Brett Miller of Selma, Edward Podoll of Selma, Tyler Ketchum of

Oregon, Hallie and Wyatt Ketchum, both of Oregon, Mackenzie Giba of Mooresville, N.C. and Evan Giba of Santa Clarita. He is also survived by 2 great great grandchildren, Isabella and Edward Podoll, both of Selma; a brother, Robert Sanders and his wife, Caroline, of Yreka and many nieces and nephews. Bill will be greatly missed by all.

At his request, no formal services will be held. Donations in his memory may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.