



William "Bill" Sandford

April 18, 1930 - November 22, 2010

William J. "Bill" Sandford, resident of Fort Jones, passed away at home on November 22, 2010, with his family at his side. Bill was born in Oakland on April 18, 1930, and raised in that area. He served in the U. S Air Force from 1947 to July 1970, retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant. On October 5, 1950, he married Bette Shannon in San Bernardino, California and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. They raised their children while traveling the world. In 1980, Bill and Bette retired to Scott Valley. He was an avid wood worker, bowler and genealogist. Bill was a member of the Ruptured Ducks of Oregon (E-9 Assn.) and the Air Force Security Police Assn. But more importantly, Bill was a man who valued his family and his country above all else. He was a man with a keen understanding of right and wrong and someone with a strong moral compass. He will always maintain a big spot in our hearts and minds.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his daughters Valerie Sandford of McKinleyville, Kathryn (Larry) Hodge of McKinleyville, Gayle Sandford of Stevens Point, WI, and his son William J. Sandford, III. He also leaves nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren who loved him very much. He is also survived by his sisters, Donna Hudson, Jackson, MI and Lee Wallace, Glendale Arizona and numerous nieces and nephews. Two brothers, James and Donald predeceased him.

At his request, no services will be held at this time. A family remembrance will take place in the spring. Contributions in his memory may be made to Fort

Jones Fire Dept., P. O. Box 597, Fort Jones 96032 or to Madrone Hospice House. 255 Collier Circle, Yreka. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.