



REUBEN W. SCHIMKE

December 26, 1920 - March 29, 2014

Reuben W. Schimke passed away on March 29, 2014. He was 93.

A private burial will be held at the Mokelumne Hill Protestant Cemetery in Mokelumne, California.

He was born December 26, 1920 in Lodi, California to Gustav and Christina Schimke.

Reuben grew up in Lodi and worked on the family farm there. As a teenager, his love of the mountains took him to Lake Alpine, where he spent winters skiing many miles, conducting snow surveys, hunting and trapping with two of his brothers.

He was drafted into the US Army in 1942, where he served in Italy during WWII, in the 10th Mountain Ski Troops.

After returning home, he began a 30 year career in the lumber industry working for American Forest Lumber and Michigan-Cal Lumber in Camino, California. After retirement, he moved several times to Nevada and within California before settling down in Grass Valley.

Reuben married Opal Swanson on December 6, 1947 in Carson City, Nevada.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, wood cutting and taking long walks.

The cabin he built at Tamarack in Calaveras County was a favorite place to call his second home. He loved his family and friends and will be missed by all who knew him.

Reuben is survived by his wife, Opal of Grass Valley; sons, Greg (Karen) Schimke of Nevada City and Jeff (June) Schimke of McKinleyville, California;

and four grandchildren, Beth, Kara, Whitney and Alex.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Christina and six brothers and sisters.

Remembrances may be sent to Hospice of the Foothills in Grass Valley.

Arrangements are under the care of Chapel of the Angels Mortuary in Grass Valley.

Tribute Wall

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“ *CHAPEL OF THE ANGELS MORTUARY lit a candle in memory of REUBEN W. SCHIMKE*



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