



Edward L. Dietz Jr

August 28, 1928 - March 8, 2018

Edward L. Dietz Jr. August 28, 1928 March 8, 2018 Edward L. Dietz Jr. passed away peacefully at the age of 89 on March 8th at Enloe Hospital in Chico. He was born on August 28, 1928 to Edward L. Dietz Sr. and his wife Marguerite Dietz in Corning. Ed graduated from Corning High School in 1946, where he served as Senior Class President. He then attended Cal Poly at San Dimas studying Fruit Production. In 1950, he married Kathleen Pedersen of Whittier, who he met while attending college. Following three generations of agriculturalists in Tehama County, they made their home near Corning where he had purchased a home and an olive orchard. Shortly after, he served with honors and distinction in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as an Ordinance Officer. After the war ended, Ed and Kathy returned to their farm in Corning and had three daughters. In 1965, he started his career in the Tehama County Department of Agriculture and rose through the ranks to become County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures. In 1969, he began working for the California Department of Food and Agriculture serving as Regional Coordinator for both the Northern and Southern Regions. He retired from public service in 1987 and was recognized for his outstanding service in the field of Regulatory Agriculture representing the Director of Agriculture to the County Agricultural Commissioners and County Sealers of Weights and Measures and Agricultural Community in the regions he was representing. During this time they resided in Red Bluff, Davis and Huntington Beach. Throughout retirement, Ed and Kathy traveled throughout the U.S. and Europe tracking down family genealogy. In 2001, they moved back to Corning and were involved in many civic organizations. Being an avid fisherman and hunter, he spent much time at their family cabin in Mineral. Always a teacher, historian and storyteller, Ed made it a priority to instruct the following generations about the value and beauty of the outdoors, the value of cherishing one's family and the value of treating others with respect and kindness. He was a friend too many and a tremendous blessing to his family. He is survived by his wife Kathy, his sister Roberta (Frank) Martin, his daughters Susan (LeRoy) Anderson, Julie (Ted) Patton and Sally (Phil) Manoukian, and his four grandchildren, Shelby, Max and Emma Manoukian and Stephanie Patton. Contributions may be made to the Corning Museum Association in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hill Cemetery

4470 Oren ave
Corning, CA 96021

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Harvest Christian Center
1006 6th Ave
Corning, CA 96021

Visitation

MAR 19. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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