



## Herman Peter Johnston

July 19, 1922 - September 27, 2015

Herman Peter Johnston (Pete) was born July 19, 1922 and died peacefully in the Corning Olive City Care Home surrounded by family on September 27, 2015. He courted his wife, Mae, for six weeks, was married for 70 wonderful years, and followed her in death by three weeks. Their final chapter completes a special love story.

Pete was the second of four children of Albert and Frieda Johnston of Boring, Oregon. He grew up on a farm that provided a life of strong family values and hard work. During WWII, Pete joined the U. S. Army Air Corps and was stationed in Chico, California. This is where he fell in love with Mae, the weather, and California.

Pete and Mae raised a family of four children that over time came to include 12 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. They are the families of Conni (Chip) McCoy of Corning, Carol Fillmer of Chico, Cliff (Cathy) Johnston of Red Bluff, and Linda (Bobby) Lucero of Corning. Pete is survived by sisters who live in Oregon, Gertrude 97 yrs. and Maxine 85 yrs. His brother, Cliff, preceded him in death.

Pete, like his wife, most loved being with his family. His hobby was work, and the family's growing up years were spent working hard and playing hard together. Pete had been an olive grower for 70 years and along the way raised nursery stock and later operated a bin hauling business. Boating was a big part of each summer, spending afternoons on the Sacramento River and later on a houseboat he built on Shasta Lake. He and his wife also travelled

extensively, the last being just two years ago to Hawaii.

Pete enjoyed meeting people and socializing with friends. Most of all, he was a family man. He kept diaries for most of his years and wrote an autobiography which highlighted his growing up years and life events that shaped his life. His story was infused with life lessons for his succeeding generations.

Family and friends are invited to attend a gathering in his honor on Thursday, October 15, at 11:00 at the VFW Memorial Hall in Corning. Lunch will be served. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations may be made to the Corning Volunteer Fire Department or to the Corning Union High School Scholarship Fund.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Tehama County Veterans Memorial Hall  
1620 Solano St  
Corning, CA