



## Vernie Leroy Wilson

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Born in Oroville as the 7<sup>th</sup> of 11 children to Rufus and Mary Wilson, Vernie grew up in Lanes Valley, Red Bluff, and the surrounding Mineral area.

Survived by his family, wife Frances Wilson of 66 years, children Sharon Nelson (Clark), Carol Domingo Best (Tony), Diane Morgan (Mal), and Steve Wilson (Ann), Vernie also leaves behind one sister, Betty Crawford of Chico, 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Drafted into the army just prior to his graduation ceremony from the Red Bluff High School class of 1943, Vernie served in WWII as a radio operator in the European theater during the Battle of the Bulge. Hired by PG &E after his discharge from the Army, he worked as an Electric Line Foreman for 36 years in Red Bluff. In 1982 Vernie and Frances moved to Magalia where retirement gave him time to rebuild his house, travel with Frances, work with wood and concrete, hunt agates, dance, garden, and play his harmonica. In 2008 Vernie and Fran moved back to Red Bluff to be near their children.

While his children were growing up, many fond memories were made spending summers camping and skiing on Shasta Lake with his siblings and their families. Never caught without a harmonica in his pocket Vernie made every gathering a sing-a-long.

As a jack of all trades, Vernie happily tackled any project to help family and friends. Family was everything to him. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Military Honors

Branch of Service ~ Army

Service Dates~ 1943-1945

Reception to follow at Sacred Heart Parish Hall 2355 Monroe Ave. Red Bluff.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oak Hill Cemetery**

600 Cemetery Lane  
Red Bluff, CA 96080