

# Wilbur Cornelious Snoke

OCTOBER 26, 1924 - FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Wilbur Snoke was born on October 26, 1924 in Lewellan, Nebraska to Jesse Guy and Josephine Yetter Snoke and passed away peacefully on Monday, February 12, 2018 in Gustine.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Snoke; his sons Eric (Durvalina) Snoke, of Gustine, Christopher (Cindy) Snoke, of Mississippi, Patrick (Carmen) Snoke, of Oregon, Ted (Marie) Snoke, of Hilmar, Tim (Rose Marie) Snoke, of Newman, and David Snoke of Newman; his daughters Kathleen Richards, of Fremont, Debra (Frank) Vaughn, of Arkansas, Connie (Gary) Mullins, of Ohio, Diane (Harold) Carriger, of Modesto, Donna (Randy) Corgiat of Newman, Amanda (David) Coelho of Oregon and Artie (Norman) Bryant of Newman and his stepsons David (Judy Bauer) Curnow of Modesto, Karl (Linda Ladd) Curnow of Denair, and Eric (Denise Quan) Larson of Los Angeles. Wilbur is also survived, not only by a family tree, but a family forest of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Laverne, his sisters Mary and Bonnie, and his great granddaughter Aspen Bryant.

Wilbur's first few years were spent living in a soddie in Nebraska until 1937 when he came to California with his father and two younger sisters to live in the Atwater area. He married Laverne Gomes in December 1949. During their 45 years of marriage, Wilbur and Laverne raised their family of 13 children and taught all their children to be good, kind, responsible people. Along with a lot of hard work, their house was filled with a lot of love and good humor.

Wilbur served in the Navy for a total of 10 years being stationed on Maui for 44 months during WWII as a PBY crew chief. He reenlisted to serve during the Korean War. During that second enlistment he was stationed at Crows Landing Naval Air Station. Following retirement from the Navy at Crows Landing he continued working at the air base as a civilian for the next 25 years, working as a heavy equipment operator. In retirement he enjoyed repairing furniture

and working in his garden.

There was nothing he couldn't fix or grow.

Following the death of his wife

Laverne in September 1994, he moved from Newman to Gustine and began the second part of his life. He met and married Patricia Snyder Carson in 1997. For the next 20 years, they spent their time enjoying their families and volunteering for the community. They traveled all around the United States, even Costa Rica, spending summers at her family cabin at Huntington Lake and winters visiting Shell Beach.

Wilbur was a member of the Gustine Senior Citizens and a life member of the Gustine Historical Society. He was a quiet, hardworking man. Those who knew him well remember his wonderful sense of humor. Wilbur C. Snoke was a good man.

Family and friends are welcome to a celebration of his life on Thursday, February 22 with graveside services at 11:00 am at Hills Ferry Cemetery in Newman followed by a continuation of the celebration at the Al Goman Center in Schmidt Park in Gustine.

Remembrances may be directed to: Gustine Historical Society at 803 Laurel Ave. Gustine CA, 95322.

Services conducted by Hillview Funeral Chapel of Gustine.

