



Richard Eldon Goudie

October 19, 1925 - March 11, 2018

Richard E. Goudie, 92, took his journey to meet his family and friends that went before him with our Lord on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at The Fountains in Yuba City after his long and fierce battle with Alzheimer's.

To paraphrase:

The tears have all been shed now. We've said our last goodbyes. His soul has been blessed. He's laid to rest. And now we feel alone.

He was more than just our father, Grandfather our teacher, our best friend. And he'll still be heard. We will never will forget him. For he made us what we are.

Though he may be gone. Memories linger on. And we miss him, the old man.

As boys, he'd take us walking by mountain, field, and stream. And he'd show us things, like the colors on a pheasant as he rises in the dawn or how to fish, or make a wish.

We thought he'd live forever. He seemed so big and strong. But the minutes fly and the years roll by and suddenly when it happened there was so much left unsaid. No second chance to tell him thanks for everything he'd done.

God I miss him, the old man.

He leaves his wife of 70 years, Virginia Anne Goudie; sons, Steve and Tom (Hope), grandchildren Thomas Jr. (Tiffany), Heather Felkey (Glen), Chrystal Gilming (Zac) and 12 Great grandchildren, a sister and many close friends.

Born in Bedford Iowa, the son of Raymond and Alice Goudie, he grew up in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Richard left school in the eighth grade to work on the family farm. In 1943 entered the US Navy. and was the recipient of several medals for his service during World War II. In 1948, after serving in the Navy, Richard went back home to work with his father for the New Mexico Highway department for several months before rejoining the Navy. He served another 2 years and was honorably discharged in 1950.

Richard spent his working years in the Aerospace industry and Union 76 Oil Research Company in Brea California, where he retired as a research engineer in 1986. He and Virginia moved to Browns Valley to be close to Tom and their grandchildren. While living in Browns Valley, he had the opportunity to work for AP Helicopter in Yuba City for almost 10 years. Many, stories came out of that adventure that the family has reminisced over the years.

Richard's way of being able to make just about anything work when it broke always amazed his family. His dedication to his family, which always came first, has been the inspiration to his entire family as well as the extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers or cards, the family would appreciate donations be made to the 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's Team "Richard Goudie" Yuba City.