



Walter "Gale" Fisher

February 4, 1924 - July 2, 2016

Born in Mason City, NE, Walter "Gale" Fisher grew up on a large farm where he learned the values of hard work, self-reliance and perseverance.

He moved to Grass Valley, CA in 1945 after a back injury on the farm. Gale eventually worked as a project manager, surveyor and estimator for PG&E and Pacific Bell Telephone Co. He loved and succeeded in surveying and laying the first underwater telephone cable across Lake Tahoe which was said could not be done. Gale took correspondence courses for ten years to become an engineer and became quite renowned for being able to figure out solutions for complex engineering projects. He belonged to Engineers Clubs in Modesto and Durham, CA and served terms as Secretary and President. In 1965, Gale started his own paving business which he successfully operated until his retirement. At age 70 he took a month-long solo trip through several states on his beloved motorcycle. Gale was a skilled woodworker and enjoyed sharing his creations with others. A true friend and neighbor, he was always willing to give a helping hand using his many considerable skills and keen ability to figure out how to make things work.

He and his second wife, Ayoe, moved to Durham, Rio Oso, and lastly Yuba City where he continued to work in his shop, and garden and raise chickens, which followed him around like pet dogs. Gale loved his family and will be remembered for his humor, tales of yesteryears and mostly the values he

instilled. He loved life and was cheerful even when the pains of arthritis, cancer and poor circulation plagued him. He was proud, and somewhat amazed, to have the distinction of being the longest lived Fisher male (92).

Gale is pre-deceased by his parents, Lee and Betty Fisher, brother Dean Fisher, sisters Lena Tosten and Lenore Craig, first wife Mimi Fisher and grandson Richard Fisher.

He leaves behind his wife Ayoe Fisher, sister DeVere Mautino, son Michael Gale Fisher (Lisa), daughters Nancy Reader (Lew), KarrieJo Cairns, Melinda Wallace (Scott), step-children Russell Wright, Sabrina Barker (Joey) and Robbie Wright as well as four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great granddaughters.

Friends are invited for an informal celebration of his life held Saturday, July 9th at his home in Yuba City from 10 am to 6pm.