His Legacy… Coy Silas Ford died at the age of 95 from natural causes in Oroville, California on October 2, 2012. Coy was born in Los Angeles, California on January 18, 1917 to David Forrest Ford and Earlcy Gertrude Ford. Coy was raised in Southern California before moving to Colorado at the age of 13 where he learned the art of trapping, farming, fishing and survival. Parched corn and whatever wild game he and his cousins could catch along the Gunnison River provided for their family. In the spring of that year they moved back to California before finally settling down in Olivehurst, California, where he graduated from the 8th grade in 1933. Coy met his future wife, Ione Ford, at a dance in Westmoreland, California. A year later they were married on May 2, 1936 in Yuma, Arizona. He worked many different jobs, but spent the majority of his career in the gas business. After 13 years in propane he and his partner, Lou Kent, started their own gas business which they sold approximately 20 years later. Coy and Ione retired in 1982 and spent many years traveling in their motor home, fishing, visiting family and enjoying the Nevada and Arizona desert. Coy and Ione remained together for 74 years until her passing a little over two years ago. Coy was a man who valued his relationships with family and friends. Those who knew him will remember his avid sense of humor and his ability to tell a story. When he wasn’t working, he spent most of his free time hunting, fishing, and gardening. He will be forever remembered for his love of music and his ability to “cut-a-rug.” Coy was an active member of the Eagles, Elks, and Native Sons.

His Family… He was preceded in death by his brothers, Raymond and Louie; and his sister’s Bobbi, Betty and cousin Bea. Coy is survived by his sister Ruby; his daughter Faye and son-in-law Ron; his four grandchildren; Dyke, Kelly, Corby, and Ronnie; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank those individuals who helped care for Coy in his last couple years. Without their love and support it would not have been possible for him to fulfill his dream of staying in his own home for as long as possible.

His Farewell Service … Services have been held. Arrangements were entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323.