His Legacy... Age 87, he died August 23, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ. Hugh was born July 9, 1921 in Decater, AR; to Claude Albert and Julia Bell McConnell. He worked for the Teamsters Union Local #137 as a Truck Driver and Heavy Equipment Operator for 28 years. Hugh moved his family to Oroville from Visalia, CA; to work on the construction of the Oroville Dam in 1960. A hard working man until he was injured and was no longer able to work. He enjoyed Deep Sea Fishing and Hunting, playing cards, especially Pinochle and he loved to win. Hugh enjoyed driving and taking road trips. Hugh was a tease especially with his grandchildren.

His Family... Preceded in death by his parents and a sister Claudene Kelly; Hugh is survived by five children; Barbara Balmer; Diana Sherwood; Dewane McConnell; Gordon McConnell and Cathy Sanders all of Oroville; four sisters Lillian Henson; Elma Rogers, Helen Madge Conant, and Lorene Balantyne; a brother Dale Albert McConnell; 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

His Farewell Service ... Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ramsey Funeral Home 1175 Robinson Street. A reception will immediately follow the service at the Palermo Church of God.