His Legacy...Leonard Michael Chollet was born March 7, 1918 in Hanford California, to Ernest Paul Chollet and Estelle Mary Sweeney Chollet. Leonard and his sister Lenore Chollet Robinson (1916-2012) attended Pioneer Elementary School in Grangeville, CA located just outside Hanford. After graduating from Hanford High School, Leonard attended business school taking courses in mathematics and drafting. Growing up, Leonard, or Lenny, as he was known to his friends and family, developed a great love for the outdoors. He enjoyed exploring Northern California and the foothills as he looked for places to hunt and fish. In June 1948, he married his only love, Goldina (Dina) A. Lawson Chollet. The new couple moved to the beautiful Bidwell Bar area of the Feather River Canyon, a place containing the essential elements they desired, to start their lives together and raise children. In October 1948, Leonard took a position as map drafter for the County of Butte. With focus and dedication, careful to avoid politics, he rose through the ranks to assistant assessor, which was his title at the time of his retirement in 1981.

A private man, Lenny enjoyed being a father and husband. As the children began to grow, he moved his family closer to Oroville. Eventually, he found just the right property: a beautiful, private, hill-top setting. With his own hands he transformed the little house into a home for Dina and their now four children. A man of integrity, great wisdom, and wit, Lenny spent his life loving his family. He taught his children the importance of being a man, the value of hard work, and how to “keep going” during difficult times. In his free time he loved to hunt and fish, to read, to garden, to tinker in the garage, and to care for his house on the hill. Through his senior years, Lenny was regularly reminded by his closest family of the role his played in shaping their lives and how very much he was loved.

His Family...Leonard is survived by his loving wife, four children, 9 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

His Services...A Funeral Service will be February 14, 2013, 11:00 am at Ramsey Funeral Home.

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