Lee Bun Colby Jr.

**His Legacy...** Lee Bun Colby Jr. was born on November 13, 1922, not on a Friday as we were told. Born in Wynoka Oklahoma, to Lee Bun and Oma Colby. The oldest of three children and the only son, he grew up in Fairview Oklahoma. In 1942 he joined the Marines at the age of twenty, not at seventeen like we were told. He served over seas in Iwo Jima and was awarded with two purple hearts. In 1946 he was honorably discharged and made his home in Long Beach, California. He began his career with Whaley Developers, building homes, not ramps, for short actors to walk on at MGM, like we were told. In 1948 he married Barbara Colby and together they had his first son, Brad Colby. He moved to Vallejo in 1951 and began a very successful career as president of Herco Homes Inc. Here he built business relationships which led to the creation of Engineered Wood Products in Oroville, California. It was here that he and his partners also created Las Plumas Lumber Company. During this time he met and married the love of his life, Muriel Colby. In the early 1970’s he founded Wynoka Homes Inc. and built over 500 homes. Lee was a larger than life entrepreneur, a pilot, and an avid golfer. He was a founding member of Butte Creek Country Club of Chico where he made his home. He often travelled to Tahoe and Maui and had many friends in many places. Although he never drank he was often the life of the party and loved and lived life to the fullest. He and Muriel were married over 40 years and together had four children. Lee passed away on November 1, 2013 in Paradise, California. Lee had an amazing life filled with wonderful adventures which he loved to share with others, with a captivating tone and a twinkle in his eye. He would often say the greatest adventure of his life and his greatest achievement was his family, we were often told by him that these achievements were those of our mother, however the truth is he was a great dad, an inspiration, and mentor to many, and he will be missed.

**His Family...** Lee is survived by his children, Brad Colby, Sheri Lattus, Cash Colby, Lynda Piercy, and Kate Nelson. His legacy continues with ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He is also survived by his current wife Beverly Colby.

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**His Farewell Service...** A Celebration of Life and Love will be held at Butte Creek Country Club, Chico, CA – Saturday, November 9th 2013 at 4:00 PM. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.