His Legacy… Kenneth Gerald Billingsley 82 of Palermo, California was born on January 28, 1931 in Gazelle, California to Clarence & Bertha Billingsley. Kenneth went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 25, 2014. He was raised in Yreka, California by loving parents and a large family of brothers and sisters. There he met and later married his wife of 51 years, Lydia Rivas. After they were wed, they moved to the San Francisco area where they raised three children. Kenneth served honorably in the National Guard for 17 years before starting his career as a welder for the Boilermaker-Blacksmith Union then moved his family to Palermo in 1969, retiring in the early 80’s. During his life Kenneth enjoyed traveling across the U.S. with his family and as an Explorer Scout Leader. He enjoyed square dancing, gardening, playing cards, spending the summer’s barbequing with his family by the pool and volunteering his time to S.T.A. R. S. he was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend to many. He was known for his kindness, generosity, and willingness to always help others.

His Family… Kenneth is preceded in death by his loving wife Lydia of 51 years, his step-son David Thomas and siblings, Lester, Jimmy, Freida, Alfred, Roy and Elmer. He is survived by his daughter Marie (Roy) Williams, granddaughters Corina Swan and Angela (Phil) Bolton, step-son Stephen (Sharon) Thomas, granddaughters Sheri, Michelle, Mary-Ellen and Wendee, siblings Robert, Harold, June, Patty, and several great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

His Farewell Service … A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm followed by a rosary ceremony at Ramsey Funeral Home 1175 Robinson St. Oroville, CA. Mass will be held on Friday, January 31, 2014 at 10:30 am at St. Thomas Catholic Parish, Bird St. Oroville, CA with Graveside service and reception to follow. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.