Ed Cherry was born on July 10, 1933, in Avalon, NJ, to E. Morris Cherry & B. Ruth (Williamson) Cherry. He passed away on February 3, 2015, at Enloe Hospital due to lung cancer. Ed was raised in Avalon until 1947 when his father relocated his family to the Panama Canal Zone where he had accepted a position as a police officer. He graduated from Balboa High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1955, based in Panama. He was married to Eileen Rogers from 1956-1970, during which time they had two children, Patrick and Kimberly. He joined the Palo Alto Police Dept. in 1961, then CHP in 1965. CHP assigned him to Sutter Creek, San Jose, and finally Oroville. He married Sharon M. Smith in 1974; they have one daughter, Joanna. He retired from CHP in 1979. For ten years he worked in business systems and copier sales. He returned to his first love, CHP, in 1990 and retired again at age 60. He worked until age 76 for Whittmeier Auto Center, Feather Falls Casino Security, and The Home Depot. Ed was an avid outdoorsman. He loved camping, 4-wheeling, and hunting with family and friends. He loved to RV travel with Sharon, recently in summer, 2014. He was an active member of Foothill Community Church and the Calif. Assn. of Highway Patrolmen. He was a past member of Ophir Gopher Jeep Club; Henry Clay Lodge; F&AM No. 95, Sutter Creek; and Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Job’s Daughters, Bethel No.55, Oroville. Joanna is following in his footsteps in law enforcement. His strong faith in his Lord carried him through many adversities. His Family… Ed is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sharon, son, Patrick (Diana) of Eagle, ID; daughters, Kimberly (Michael) Wendt of Livermore, and Joie (Ben); former wife, Eileen (Kent) Nakata of Roseville; grandchildren, Caitlin (Jesse) Satterlee, Aaron Cherry, Mason McGeorge, and Erica Wendt, great grandchildren Christopher and Haileigh Satterlee, numerous nieces and nephews, both by blood and love; and longtime friend Gary Modrell of Roseville. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Albert, sister Evelyn Suriano, and grandson Christopher.

His Farewell Service… A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 5:30 pm at Foothill Community Church, reception to follow. The Edward Cherry Memorial Fund has been established at Tri Counties Bank, 1180 Oro Dam Blvd, Oroville, which will benefit 3 charities. Arrangements entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.