



LeMoine, Ivan Joseph

Yuba City, CA

382nd Infantry

Faithful Christian, loving and dedicated husband, father, brother, uncle, and grandfather, left this earth and his beloved family on February 4, in Yuba City. Ivan was born on March 24, 1922 at home in Plaucheville, Louisiana and grew up working on a farm and cattle ranch. Hard work and many chores were the daily routine for him and his three siblings. Ivan plowed fields, worked cattle and farmed crops. After high school, Ivan worked at various jobs, including construction. It was after a second paycheck from this grueling job that he was able to purchase a special gift for his mother, a washing machine to replace the washboard and harsh soaps she used daily. Ivan was very proud he could do this for his mother and the whole neighborhood was in awe of this sophisticated machine! Ivan served in the United States Army during World War II and fought bravely in the Philippines after being inducted in 1942. He spent most of his basic training on the west coast and came to love this part of the country. It was during a USO dance in Marysville that Ivan met Sara Jo Brooks, who he would eventually marry in 1946. At the end of the war, Ivan returned to California and was offered a position with the 7Up Bottling Company of Marysville, which was owned by Joe Brooks, Sara Jo's father. Joe and Ivan operated this successful business until the late 1970's when it was bought by the 7Up Bottling Company of San Francisco. Ivan continued managing the local bottling company in Marysville until his retirement in 1990. Ivan was active in local service organizations such as Kiwanis and Rotary, through which he received the Paul Harris Fellowship. While raising his children, Ivan was affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and Sutter Buttes Little League and contributed to the construction of their baseball field in North Yuba City. He also served as a board member in several state and national associations within the soft drink industry. Ivan and Sara Jo are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Marysville, where Ivan served both as an elder and a deacon. He chaired the Organ Restoration Committee and it is through these efforts the beautiful music produced by this one-of-a-kind instrument continues to be so impressive today. He was an avid golfer at Peach Tree Country Club and went on many excursions with Wide World of Golf which combined travel and golf at many exclusive destinations. Ivan also loved to fish, whether in his boat on

the local rivers or in a chartered vessel in Alaska and always shared his catch with family and friends. He was always very proud of his yearly vegetable garden where he could still put his early farming experience to good use. When Ivan first came to California, he visited Lake Tahoe and was in awe of its majestic beauty. Even though he was fortunate enough to travel all over the world, Lake Tahoe was his favorite spot. Many family vacations were spent at "the Lake" and Ivan and Sara Jo owned several vacation homes there over the years. His love of Lake Tahoe was instilled in his children and grandchildren, many of whom still spend time at Tahoe when possible. Most of all, Ivan loved being with his family here in California and in Louisiana. He nurtured and mentored those around him and was a true gentleman. Ivan leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Sara Jo, three children: Linda Brown (Terry) of Yuba City, Dave Lemoine (Jayne) of Biggs, and Janelle Saigeon of Sacramento. He is also survived by his brother, Louis Lemoine (Geraldine), sister, Mildred Aymond (Stuart), both of Plaquemine, Louisiana, sister, Nita Chenevert (Urey) of Cottonport, Louisiana, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews all in Louisiana. Included in his beloved family are six grandchildren and five great grandchildren, all who knew him as "PaPa". His loving presence in their lives will be sorely missed and never forgotten. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Sampson Street and Rideout Way, Marysville.