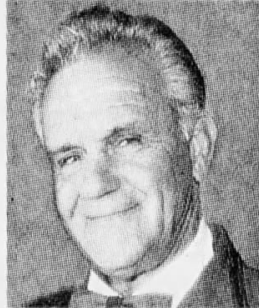


Services

ERNEST UHALDE

April 21, 1921 - September 27, 2001



He is survived by his wife, Helen Uhalde of Madera; daughters and son-in-laws Suzanne and Sam Etchegaray of Visalia, CA; Pauline and Malcom Dedekian of Fresno; and Elvira and Bill Griffith of Fresno. He is also survived by his two sisters, Rose Anchordoguy of Bakersfield; and Elvira Iturbe of Fresno. He has seven grandchildren who loved and adored him very much.

Ernest peacefully passed away at the age of 80 years old on Thursday, September 27, 2001. Ernest was born in 1921 in France. He was French-Basque. He came by boat to the United States when he was 15 years old with his parents and six brothers and sisters. Ernest married Helen Saldubehere in 1951, and they were together for 50 years.

Ernest served in WWII from 1942 to 1945. For his bravery in the War, he was decorated with two bronze stars and was promoted to Tech Sergeant.

He made his home in Madera, CA, and was a well-known and very well-respected woolgrower for 40 years. He retired from the sheep business in 1989. Ernest was a member of the VFW, and American Legion; the Fresno-Basque Club; the Los Banos-Basque Club; and St. Joachims Church.

Ernest is pre-deceased by his parents, John and Mary Uhalde. He is also pre-deceased by his sister, Emily Frasin; and brothers John, Raymond, and Albert Uhalde.

Ernest will always be remembered for his strong moral character; honesty; hard work-ethic; deep love for his family; devoted fan of the Giants and 49ers; and his wonderful sense of humor. He was a very proud man who was truly unique and a well-loved person. His charismatic presence will be missed more than words can express. He will forever live on in the hearts and minds of his family.

Visitation will be held at Jay Chapel in Madera, CA, on Sunday, September 30, 2001, from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., with a Vigil Service following at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at St. Joachim Catholic Church in Madera, on Monday, October 1, 2001, at 11:00 A.M. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Remembrances may be made to St. Joachim School Fund, 401 West 5th, St., Madera, CA, 93637.

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