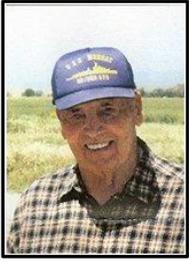


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Jim Boyd, 93, a native of Willows, California, passed away Tuesday the 10th of November, 2009 at the WestHaven Assisted Living facility in Orland, California. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Forever an optimist, Dad had a zest for life and a love for mankind. His love for his family was only seconded by those in his extended family and an incredible circle of good friends. His first love, Phyllis Ann, preceded his death on November 17, 2006, as well as his younger sister, Virginia Elmendorf in 2009.

He is survived by his son, Jim Boyd (Lois) and two daughters, Suzy Boyd and Sarah Steinhoff (Roger); his grandchildren, Doug and Patrick Boyd, Jaime Steinhoff (Carel Lely), Sally Steinhoff (Brent McGowan), Molly Steinhoff; his great-grand children, Ian and Elias Boyd, Lindsay, Barrett, Stella and Dutch (Lely), Dylan and Hunter (McGowan). Harriett Feeny (sister-in-law), John and Jeanne Feeny (Jack and Katy), LeeAnn and Kevin Leiby, Theresa and Steve Plasencia (Ryan, Alex), Cara and Jeff Stevens (Guy, Cassidy, Theresa).

Jim attended the University of California at Berkeley. (Go Bears!) While at Berkeley, he distinguished himself as a student, an athlete, and a leader. He also joined the Naval R.O.T.C. Jim enlisted in the Navy in 1940 as an Ensign. He served his first year aboard an old "Fourstacker" Destroyer in the north Atlantic, escorting convoys transporting urgently needed supplies to Europe. In May of 1941 Jim married another Willows native, Phyllis Ann Feeny. Jim's naval service took him to the Pacific Theater in 1941 where he served as a Reserve Officer on three more Destroyers. As Captain of the USS Lardner, Jim led the U.S. fleet of destroyers into Tokyo Bay and was responsible for securing the harbor for the arrival of the U. S. Fleet and the eventual signing of the formal surrender of Japan aboard the USS Missouri on September 2, 1945.

Ending his service with the Navy in 1946, Jim and Phyllis returned to Willows. He started the Glenn Fertilizer Company which was just the beginning of many entrepreneurial endeavors in his lifetime. In 1953 Jim moved his family to the Bay Area to pursue other opportunities and renew his love of sailing. Then, in 1966, Jim returned to the Sacramento Valley as a field representative and eventually as Sales Manager for Pacific International Rice Mills. In 1982, Jim and Phyllis moved back into the "Big House" just west of Willows.

After many years of work in the rice industry, Jim's interests were once again peaked by a concept that would effect a broad spectrum of issues facing our State. Jim founded CalAg, a company that will soon be producing medium density fiberboard, MDF, utilizing rice straw as the basic ingredient.

It's difficult to summarize all of the activities, the friends, the laughter and tears of dad's 93 years into a few meaningful paragraphs. Every person we talk to, who knew dad, relate that he was generous, compassionate and a true gentleman. Dad's indomitable optimism was infectious. If you have a story you'd like to share please send it along to the Boyd Ranch, 1719 County Road "D", Willows, CA 95988 or via e-mail to jasboco@aol.com.

For those needing accommodation information please contact Jim at the above e-mail address.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Willows on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.. A Rosary will be said on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. This will be a joint celebration of the lives of both Jim and Phyllis Ann. A reception will be held at the parish hall immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to WestHaven Assisted Living (1440 Fairview Street, Orland, CA 95963), whose staff's tender loving care, support and friendship enhanced dad's quality of life for his last five months.