

JAMES V. MALLORY

James Verl “Jim” Mallory was born on February 13, 1925 to Robert V. Mallory and Irene Mallory. A native of Siskiyou County, he was born in Yreka, and spent most of his early years in Weed. He graduated from Weed High School with the Class of 1942, and enrolled soon after in Heald Business College in Sacramento, California. World War II continued to escalate during this time, and Jim was compelled to enlist in the U. S. Navy, where he served as an electrician on the USS Minneapolis in the South Pacific for over three years until the war ended in 1945.

After an honorable discharge from the Navy Jim planned to return to college. Those plans changed when he and his brother Robert H. “Bob” Mallory decided to take over operation of the family business in Weed, Mallory Chevrolet Company, from their parents who were approaching retirement age. Jim met Marcia Anderson from Mt. Shasta a couple of years later, and after a short courtship they married on November 13, 1948. Jim and Marcia went on to have four sons, Thomas, David, Michael, and Mark. Jim and Marcia recently celebrated 58 years of marriage, at their home in Weed where they have lived for a like number of years.

Mallory Chevrolet Company, founded in 1934, was well established by the time Jim and Bob took over the business in the mid-40’s. They successfully operated the dealership for the next 31 years, being known across Siskiyou County for their excellent customer service. The oil crisis of the early 70’s proved to be a difficult time for the auto industry, and with none of the family expressing an interest in taking over the business, Jim and Bob finally decided to sell to a large operator out of the Bay Area in 1976. The dealership continued to operate for several years thereafter, but it was never the same as while operated by the Mallory brothers.

After selling the family business, Jim went on to work for International Paper Company in Weed as a night watchman for approximately four years, and then worked for a short time as a salesman for Wrightway Mobile Homes in Yreka. Desiring more of a challenge combined with the need to interact with the public, Jim obtained his real estate license in 1983 and worked in the industry for nearly 24 years as an agent with Mountain Gate Properties in Mt. Shasta. He was recently honored for the second time by his colleagues in the Siskiyou Association of Realtors as “Realtor of the Year,” which was the culmination of a successful and rewarding “second” career.

Jim was an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church, and was also on its Governing Board. He truly lived his faith and was an inspiration to many, especially his family. He was unique in his love for others, with a great

sense of humor, and diligence in a quiet, respectful way. Whenever he met someone, he always had a smile on his face, followed by a hearty “hello.”

Jim was heavily involved in the community, and his accomplishments through the years were many. He often worked on projects in the background, never expecting recognition, never “blowing his own horn.” Jim was instrumental in the incorporation of the City of Weed, in establishing College of the Siskiyous at its present site in Weed, and in working with the Division of Highways on plans for Interstate 5 through town. He was an active member of the Weed Chamber of Commerce, serving multiple terms as Secretary and President, and also served the City of Weed as its Treasurer. He was a member of the American Legion, the Lions Club, and was also a member of the Weed Volunteer Fire Department. Jim was active in establishment of the Ski Bowl on Mt. Shasta, and served on the Ski Bowl Board as its Secretary. His community involvement was recognized in 1964 when he was honored as Weed’s “Citizen of the Year.” Most recently, he was active as a Social Member of the Weed Sons of Italy.

Jim loved to drive automobiles, and he shared that love with his children and many others. While at Mallory Chevrolet, he donated his time and training cars to the High School District so that numerous high school students could obtain their behind-the-wheel training. He also taught many local middle-age citizens to drive through the years, providing them with new-found independence.

Jim’s transition into retirement in mid-2006 proved to be very difficult, which led to his declining health almost immediately. Jim was hospitalized on February 25th after suffering a series of small strokes, and he passed away peacefully on March 11th with family at his side, under the compassionate care of Madrone Hospice staff.

Jim was predeceased by his parents Robert V. and Irene Mallory, brother Robert H. Mallory, and a sister who died at an early age. He is survived by his loving wife Marcia, as well as sons and daughters-in-law and their children Thomas & Lisa (Travis, Eric), David & Jody (Nicole, Cameron), Michael & Karen (Courtney & Shannon Mallory; Rachel & Austin Sendek), and Mark & Cathy (Stephen, Sarah). He is also survived by sister-in-law Mary E. Mallory, niece Renne’, and nephews Ron and Ken, as well as other relatives and friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. at the College of the Siskiyous Gymnasium in Weed. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Madrone Hospice, Inc., 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, California 96097, or a local charity of choice.