



John Ritchey,

September 3, 1934 - October 31, 2007

John Ritchey Jr. died on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at home in Alsea. He was 73.

Born in Nevada, Mo., to John Henry Ritchey and Ethel Garland Ritchey, John moved to Alsea at the age of 14 and attended school there. He joined the U.S. Navy when he was 17 and served during the Korean War for eight years.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Alsea and on Oct. 21, 1984, married Gloria Short. He worked as a logger and a commercial fisherman then, in his latter years, until he retired at the OSU campus.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved spending time with his family and close friends.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria of Alsea; sons John A. Ritchey and wife Verla of Siletz, Bill and wife Carol of Philomath, Karl Poage and wife Brenda of North Albany, and Donnie Poage and wife Vikki of Corvallis; daughter Delea Dyksta of Corvallis; sisters Evelyn Hanson, Joan and Jack Pellett, and Joyce and Ed Hildebrandt, all of Alsea; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the Alsea Grange. Burial with military honors will follow at Alsea Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of McHenry Funeral Home.