



Louis and Imogene Edwards observed their 65th wedding anniversary.



The Edwards exchanged vows June 12, 1932 in Chico.

Louis Edwards

DURHAM — A service for Louis Earl Edwards, 92, of Durham, will be 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, at Brusie Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, May 3, in Durham.

Edwards was born Oct. 6, 1907, to George W. and Pearl Edwards in Chico, where he was raised and went to school. He graduated from Chico High School in 1926 and

earned his bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Chico Normal School. He earned his master's degree in administration from the University of Oregon.

On June 8, 1932, he married Imogene Conley.

Edwards taught school in Gridley and Corning, and was an elementary school principal in Corning before becoming principal of Durham High School and Superintendent of Durham Unified School District in 1943. He retired from education in the 1960s to try his hand at almond ranching.

He was the past president of the Rotary Club, charter member of Durham Rotary Club, and member of the Comanche Riders Association, California State Retired Teachers Association, Sons In Retirement, Durham Good SAMS Club, Butte County Historical Society, Chico Museum Association, and the Blue Diamond Growers. He was also a 70-year member of the Chico Leland Stanford Lodge No. 111, F&AM.

He established the Edward's Family Scholarship for Continuing Education for Durham High School students.

Edwards enjoyed riding horses, riding his mule Lewey on the 1999 Comanche Riders annual trip, and hunting and fishing on his Deer Creek property. The Louis Edwards Park is on the site of the old Durham High School. He was once named Man of the Year at the Durham picnic.

He is survived by two sons, George Edwards of Folsom and



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James Edwards of Durham; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Brusie Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

The Brusie Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Imogene Edwards

DURHAM — A service for Imogene Conley Edwards, 91, of Durham will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Brusie Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, in Chico.

Edwards was born Feb. 18, 1908, to James and Grace Conley in English, Ind.

She graduated from Chico High School in 1926, and went to Chico Normal School, which is now Chico State.

On June 8, 1932, she married Louis E. Edwards in Chico.

Edwards was an elementary school teacher in Gridley, Durham, and in Chico at

Rosedale and John McManus. She was also a substitute teacher in Butte County schools for many years.

She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Daughters of the American Revolution, Josephine-Chico Chapter No. 104 Order of the Eastern Star (Life member), Durham Methodist Church, Durham Good Sams Club, Durham Womens Club, Butte County Historical Society, Chico Museum Association, Feather River Historical Association, Pi Beta Mu Music Association and the CSUC Alumni Association.

Edwards was an avid piano player and loved all music. She had an interest in local history, and was fond of young children and young people. She love animals, especially cats, and was awarded the Woman of the Year in Durham at the Durham Picnic in May, 1972.

She is survived by her husband, Louis E. Edwards of Durham; two sons, George L. Edwards of Folsom and James E. Edwards of Durham; a sister, Esther Cornelius of Corvallis, Ore.; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Durham Community United Methodist Church in care of Brusie Funeral Home, which is handling the arrangements.



Imogene Edwards