

Spencer Hostetter was born in Cardyle, Kentucky and later moved to Lynchburg, Ohio where he grew up & attended school. He graduated from High School at the age of 15 & worked with his dad raising tobacco. At the age of 19 he came to Chico where he started working at Pric's candy store on the corner of 2nd. & Broadway. He also worked at the Hotel Labs as a fry cook. Later he joined the Ironworkers union & started work in San Francisco until he was called into the Marines during W.W. II.

Thelma Hostetter was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, leaving there at the age of 2. She was brought up in Chico from the time she was 3 & attended the Chico schools. She graduated from Chico High in 1942.

Spencer & Thelma were married in Reno, Nevada in 1949. They traveled the entire United States ironworking, living in trailer parks & seeing lots of the country. They were sent back, by the union to the Feather River dam project & while there Spencer was called back into service for the Marines during the Korean War. After the war he came back to Calif. & they continued their travels.

Two boys & one daughter later they decided to settle in Slurham. Spencer still continued his travels leaving Helma & children to look after the almond ranch.

The children all attended & graduated from the Slurham schools.

Son David is in construction & traveling from job to job across the country.

Fred is living in Colorado & is an maintenance manager for a spa resort.

Kathy is married & living in Slurham where her three children all attended school.

Her daughter, Tina, graduated from Chico State in June of this year.

Her oldest boy graduated from Slurham High School & is in business with his dad driving truck in the mobil transport business. Jim the youngest is attending Slurham Elementary & will graduate next year.

Spencer had to retire due to illness & was confined to his home for over a year before he was able to do anything.

His ironworking days were over & he concentrated on making his orchard into a going concern.

Spencer & Helma joined the Slurham Good Sam's & enjoyed the many trips they took & the wonderful friends they made. They held the job of President; Secretary for

a year. They were wagonmasters & trail bosses on several occasions. Their joy of being a member of such a great group never ended until Spencer became ill & was forced to retire. Earlier they had sold their ranch & moved into town. They retired from the same in 1993.

Spencer passed away Oct. 2, 1995

