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Earl Ernest Downum (aka Budrow), 93, of Weimar, California, died July 26, 2013 at his home.

He was born March 20, 1920, in Fame, Oklahoma to Christopher Columbus and Vergie Mae (Turner) Downum.

Earl married Thelma Imogene Matthews in Stidham, OK on October 27, 1940. Earl and Imogene moved to California where they both worked the cotton fields of the Central Valley. Eventually, he and his growing family moved to Rio Linda when he began his career in the construction industry. His dream to own his own land brought Earl and his family to Weimar where Earl spent the rest of his life. He retired from the Laborers Union Local 185 in 1977 after 27 years of service. Earl loved farming, hunting, hound dogs, and his horses and mules that he often hooked up to old horse drawn farm equipment and wagons.

Earl is survived by his two daughters; Vernona Garcia, Syntha (Dale) Codde, son, Stanley (Chris) Downum, brothers; Lowell Downum, Charles Downum, Albert Downum, and Vester Downum, and nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Imogene Downum; sons; Scott Downum (Ann), Mark Downum (Yvonne); brothers; Jessie Downum, Willis Downum, and sisters; Minnie Hallum, Dolly Rollins, and Bernadine Bristow.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2013 at Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes, 47 Marysville Blvd., Sacramento.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The American Heart Association, PO Box 742030, Los Angeles, CA 90074-2030, www.heart.org; or Beagles and Buddies Dog Rescue at PO Box 330, Torrance, CA 90507, www.beaglesandbuddies.com.



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Carl Schaeffer posted:

I never had the pleasure, nor the honor of meeting Earl Downum, but was privileged to have heard a great deal about him from his daughter, Syntha Anna Codde. Carolyn and I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Earl Downum's entire family. Carl and Carolyn Schaeffer

August 7 at 1:13 PM

PC

Paul Codde posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Earl Ernest Downum

August 5 at 2:40 PM

PC

Paul Codde posted:

Hi Grandpa, Thanks for all the fun times we had coon hunting, and bear hunting. Also, thanks for teaching me how to drive the old Ford pickup when I was little sitting on the phone book to see out the window. I remember when you taught me how to use the chainsaw, and you made sure I didn't hit the rocks LOL. I have so many wonderful memories and times we spent together, it would take me a book to write them all down. Those are some special memories I will cherish my whole life! I'm so happy you got to meet my wife, and my 3 kids after I moved up to Washington State. Sure wish I could have made it down home one last time to see.... Love you Grandpa!! Paul Codde

August 5 at 2:18 PM

SC

Syntha Downum Codde posted:

Dad, I enjoyed our last visit together. I will always remember your great laughter and talk we shared together. Thanks for the three redbone hounds that you gave to me. Dickens, Opal and Ruby. They give us joy every day. I will miss you Dad and I will always LOVE you. Your Loving daughter Syntha Anna Downum Codde

August 3 at 5:06 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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