



## Marion A. Pavey Beak

October 9, 1927 - September 28, 2014

'He had a little "adventure" in him. Marion A. "Beak" Pavey, long-time Collinsville resident, passed from this world on Sunday, September 28, 2014 after a brief and sudden illness. He would have turned 87 next Thursday. Born in a farm house near Collinsville on October 9, 1927, Beak spent his youth working on the family farm, attending school and building friendships that would last a lifetime. Never one to sit still, after graduating high school he enlisted in the Navy, touring exotic ports of call in China and Japan. This only whetted his appetite for travel and after his discharge Beak spent the next 65 years always looking to see what was on the other side of the next hill and around the next bend in the road. He was always ready to "try his hand" at something new, and worked as an aircraft assembler, restaurateur, pipeline welder, and gold miner, among other things. He worked in nearly every state in the union from New York to California and from lay barges in the Gulf of Mexico to Canada and Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Beak was a true Renaissance Man, with a natural talent for anything he turned his hand to; he was a master craftsman, a talented artist, a fantastic cook (his fish fries were legendary), and an avid gardener. He loved to fish, he loved to dance, he loved a good joke, and most importantly, he loved people. His sometimes rough exterior hid a warm and generous heart, and he gave freely of his time, talents and his resources to anyone who needed them, asking nothing in return. He never lost his wanderlust and when asked why he had always been so driven to seek out new places and experiences, Beak just shrugged, smiled and answered, "I had a little"™ adventure"™ in me." To those of us fortunate enough to know and love him, "nuff said. Beak is survived by his former wife, Ruth "Punkie" Pavey of Fairbanks, Alaska and their children: Carol Pavey McConahy of Fairbanks and her husband Michael; Bruce Pavey of Oologah, OK and his wife Seretha; Colleene Pavey Wincele of Lake Forest, CA and her husband Eric; and Rocky Pavey, also of Fairbanks and his wife Catherine; four grandsons: Zak and Marshall McConahy, Tucker and Tate Wincele; granddaughter Sarah Pavey and great grandson Benjamin McConahy, and many loving nieces and nephews. Beak was preceded in death by his parents Lemuel and Sarah Edith (Girken) Pavey, brother Marvin Pavey, sister Dorothy Harrold and grandson David Hutchens. He will be missed. Services will be held at 10:30 AM Friday, October 3rd in the chapel of Mowery Funeral Service, Owasso. Private

family burial will be in the Ridgelawn Cemetery, Collinsville. Although Dad loved flowers, he loved helping family and friends even more; therefore the family requests "In lieu of Flowers", donations be made to: Hannah's Helping Hands. ([www.hannahshelpinghands.org](http://www.hannahshelpinghands.org)) Arrangements were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. [www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com) '