

Jean-Pierre

GARATEA

Jean-Pierre Garatea, born October 30, 1921 in the Basque town Aldudes, France died after a brief illness on April 1, 2007 at Saint Mary's Hospital. After serving France during WWII, Jean-Pierre immigrated to the United States in his late twenties and settled into a way of life as a sheepherder/camp tender for more than forty years. Jean-Pierre was a quiet man who found peace in the stillness of working and living amidst nature. The serenity that Jean-Pierre found working in nature continued after he retired, as he spent most of his days tending to his gardens.

Jean-Pierre is preceded in death by his father, Antoine, mother Marie and brothers, Michel and Jean. He is survived by sisters Catherine Tupinier, Marianne Saldubehere, brother Joseph Garatea and his wife Louise. Jean-Pierre is also survived by numerous nieces, and nephews, including Pat Lean and Liza Garatea.

A service will be held April 5, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at Mountain View Mortuary.