

# Erie Gaton Howery

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## ERIE G. HOWERY

Word has been received that a former Hinton resident, Erle Gaton Howery, age 89, died June 19, 20012 in Copperopolis, California, where he had lived for a number of years. He was born in Montgomery, WVa and his family moved to Hinton while he was a student. He graduated from Hinton High School where he was a popular student and was editor of the Hinton High Times, the school newspaper. While here the family lived on Maple Street in Bellepoint. After graduation Erle attended Concord College where he studied Journalism. He served in World War II from December 7, 1942 ( Pearl Harbor Day) to February 1946.

He was a journalist and earned both military and civilian credentials over more than 50 years in news and public relations fields.

He re-enlisted in the U.S.Army during the Korean War and graduated from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA., where he met his future wife, Margaret, a registered nurse, in Carmel, CA. He worked with the Military Newspaper, Stars and Stripes, and his military assignments took him to Japan and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged and became a civilian coordinator for the U.S.Army's Far East news and troop information

publications. He later worked for the Stockton Record, Oakland Tribune and became editor and publisher of the former Fremont Times and the Modesto Tribune.

He established and managed Erle Enterprises, a San Francisco Bay Area media and publications agency, until his retirement to Copperopolis, CA in 1983. During his career he received eight national awards for editorial excellence from the Educational Press Association of America.

Erle is survived by his wife, Margaret Howery, of Copperopolis; his daughter Janis; grandchildren, Adam, Jillian, Amanda and Jeremy and his wife Danielle. He has one great-grand son. Erle had a sister, Marquitta Joan Howery, who died while the family was living in Bellepoint.

A private memorial service was held at a later date. San Andreas Memorial Chapel handled the arrangements.