

Vert, John D.

John "Jack" Donald Vert passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2006, in Orcutt, California. John was born October 25, 1922 to Alex and Naomi Vert in Sault Ste. Marie. Jack, as he was known by to his family and friends, served aboard the USS Flint CL97 in the Pacific during World War II. Jack worked for the Gambles in Sault Ste. Marie and transferred as manager to Gambles in Bad Axe. Jack bought the Western Auto store in Bad Axe after leaving Gambles. Jack and his family relocated to Mesa, Arizona in 1971 where he was operations manager for Kmart until his retirement. He is survived by his third wife, Ruth, of Orcutt, California; daughter, Lana McKnight and her husband, Charles, of Bad Axe; son, Donald Vert and wife, Connie, of Phoenix, Arizona; son, Joseph and wife, Johnnine, of Mesa, Arizona; son, Scott Vert,; daughter, Kay and husband, Jon, of Apache Junction, Arizona; ten siblings, brothers, Sam (Betty), Ross (Judy), and Ralph (Wilma), sister, Marylou (David) Weir, Shirley Jergler, Eva Lanham, and Chris Mattson, all of Sault Ste. Marie, brothers, Carl, of Phoenix, and Harry (Karen), of Mesa, Arizona, brother, Cal (Bonnie), of Mt. Clemens. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Leoma (Logan) Vert; his second wife, Juanita; his parents, brother, Alex (Bud) Vert; and his grandson, Donald L. Vert II. Jack will be laid to rest alongside his first wife, Mary Leoma in the National Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona. Arrangements are pending.