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BENDER RAFF CHRISTIANSEN

## **ristiansen, 79**

**July 6, 1914 — July 22, 1993**

**ELK HORN** — Bender Raff Christiansen was born July 6, 1914 in Elk Horn. He was the fourth child of Carl S. and Mary Rattenborg Christiansen, and attended school at Jackson No. 8.

He married Sonja Nordby March 11, 1942 in Santa Monica, CA. In Sept. of 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and served in the European Theater of Operations from June 1943 until Dec. 1945. After his discharge he worked in the parts department of a large construction firm, living in Fresno, CA., for many years and later Oakdale, CA. He continued living in Oakdale, CA., after his wife Sonja's death in June of 1980. In Dec. of 1989, he moved to the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, where he lived until his death July 22, 1993.

He is survived by his step-sister, Elowyn Jensen of Elk Horn; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 26, 1993, at the Salem Lutheran Homes, Hansen Chapel in Elk Horn with Rev. Stephen Gronseth, officiating. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.