

Roman Louis Groves, 85

Sept. 16, 1915 – Oct. 22, 2000

HAYWARD, CA – Roman Louis, son of Albert and Jennie Smid Groves, was born Sept. 16, 1915, at LeMars. He graduated from LeMars High School and started working in the grocery business. He managed a grocery store in Harlan, before entering the United States Army Dec. 21, 1945. He received his honorable discharge with the rank of Quarter Master Sept. 20, 1948.

Before he left for the service, he met Viola Petersen of Kimballton. To Viola's surprise, they both ended up in California during the war and were married there Sept. 10, 1951. They continued to live in California where Roman managed grocery stores. He was a member of the Castro Valley Gem and Mineral Society for over 20 years. He died of lung cancer Oct. 22, 2000, at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward, CA, at age 85 years, one month and six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister at birth; and brother, Gerald Groves. He is survived by his wife, Viola Groves of Hayward, CA; son, David A. Groves of Las Vegas, NV; grandson, David L. Groves of Hanford, CA and two great grandchildren, Emily and Daniel Groves; brother, Fred Groves of Mission Hills, CA; sister, Shirley Sullivan of Mesa, AZ; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, 2000, at the Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton, with Pastor John Swenson of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Kimballton.