

Ivan O. Ohms, 85

Jan. 21, 1917 - Aug. 6, 2002

REDWOOD CITY, CA – Ivan Oliver Ohms, the last sibling of the Nicholas and Anne Marie (Hansen) Ohms family, was born Jan. 21, 1917, on a farm in Jackson Township. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, and attended Jackson #9 country school. He worked on the family farm until January 1940, when he enlisted in the US Marine Corps. After serving at the San Francisco Naval Station and at a Marine Recruiting Station in Nashville, TN, he served two years in the Pacific Theatre. He took part in the Amphibian Invasions of Saipan, Tinian Island and Iwo Jima. After Iwo Jima, he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism.

April 12, 1942, Ivan and Lorraine Guiral were married in Franklin, KY. After discharge from the Marine Corps, he settled in California where he was employed in auto parts sales and later opened his own business, Sequoia Auto Parts. He operated this business until he retired. Ivan died in Redwood City, CA, at age 85 years, six months and 16 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Hans Ohms and Henry Ohms; seven sisters, Annie Ericksen, Cecelia Kemp, Elise Petersen, Clara Petersen, Nellie Christensen, Emma Bricker and Mabel Paddock; and a foster brother, Marion Hansen. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lorraine of Redwood City, CA; daughter, Mimi Ohms of Mountain Valley, CA; and a son, Ivan Paul (Sandra) Ohms of Fremont, CA; two grandchildren, Jason and Cassandra; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Aug. 9, 2002, in the Woodside Chapel of Crippen and Flynn Funeral Home, Redwood City, CA, with burial in Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto, CA.