

## **Nathan Derby, 85**

*Feb. 13, 1918 - May 13, 2003*

**STOCKTON, CA** – Nathan E. "Ned" Derby was born Feb. 13, 1918, northeast of Avoca, the son of Scott and Marie Hageboeck Derby, and was one of five children in the family. He attended country school near Avoca.

Ned married Vivian Keating in 1945. They lived for a number of years in Council Bluffs, where Ned was employed by Ballenger Automotive. In 1956, the family moved to Stockton, CA, and it was there that he worked for Ace Armature and Motor Shop until his retirement. Ned was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, a member of Karl Ross Post of the American Legion, Luneta Post #52 VFW, past president of Pearl Harbor Survivors, past commander of Lodi Post #767 VFW and currently vice-president of the Lincoln Fire Board. He was also a past president of Oak Park Senior Center of which he was very active. Ned died at his residence in Stockton, CA, May 13, 2003, at age 85 years and three months.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Patricia; and a sister, Geraldine Champlin. Ned is survived by his wife, Vivian Derby of Stockton; his daughter, Jackie (Ruben) Herrera of Las Vegas, NM; his son, Jim Derby (Olga) of Stockton; and a grandson, James Derby of Stockton. He is also survived by his sister, Betty (Orville) Wedel of Minden; and two brothers, Bill Derby (Sharon) of Council Bluffs and Dean Derby (Venie) of Whittier, CA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Graveside memorial services were held May 19, 2003, at Cherokee Memorial Park in Lodi, CA.