

## **Leston Longnecker, 87**

*Aug. 19, 1912 – Feb. 12, 2000*

**WALNUT** – Leston Leroy Longnecker was born Aug. 19, 1912, at Walnut, son of Charles L. and Laura Eggerstedt Longnecker, and was one of four children in the family. He attended school in Walnut and graduated in 1930. He enlisted in the Navy July 16, 1942, and served aboard a supply ship, the USS Millicoma, in the Asiatic/Pacific areas. He achieved the rank of Gunners Mate 1st Class.

While he was in the Navy, he married Elizabeth Agnes "Betty" Hill May 15, 1943, in San Diego, CA. He was discharged from the Navy Dec. 29, 1946. They returned to Walnut and later moved to Ovid, CO, where he was employed by Great Western Sugar Company. He retired and they then moved to Apache Junction, AZ. Betty died Feb. 2, 1996. He returned to Walnut and lived at Peace Haven Retirement Home until his health began to fail. He then resided at nursing homes in Avoca and Oakland. During his lifetime he was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut, the V.F.W. and American Legion for over 50 years and the Last Man's Club. He died at the Oakland Manor Nursing Home in Oakland, Feb. 12, 2000, at age 87 years, five months and 22 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty; and his brother, Blaine. He is survived by two sisters, Elda Donaldson of Oakland and Norma Nelson of Duluth, MN; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 16, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, with Mr. Orris Drake officiating. Inurnment was in the Walnut Cemetery. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.