

John Makepeace, 92

July 18, 1917 - June 15, 2010



HIGH SPRINGS, FL — John Elliott Makepeace, son of John Franklin and Ethel (Edwards) Makepeace, was born on July 18, 1917, in Waterbury, NE. Shortly after his birth, John moved with his family to the Underwood, area where he attended school. May 19, 1944, John enlisted into the United States Navy where he served his country until his honorable discharge on October 12, 1945. Upon his discharge, John had received the rank of Aviation Ordnance man Third Class. In the 1930's, John helped build the Hoover Dam in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River. He also worked for the railroad and area ranches, including John Wayne's ranch. John loved to work with his hands and was a member of the Los Angeles Carpenter Union and the Northern Nevada Carpenter Union in Reno, NV. He also helped build homes and had his own carpenter shop for several years. John was also influential in creating the concrete forms used for highway culverts when he was working with the Department of Transportation. John died on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at his home in High Springs, FL, having attained the age of ninety-two years, ten months, and twenty-eight days.

John is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, George. He is survived by his niece, Mary Ann and her husband Jack Hayes of Gainesville, FL; other family members and friends.

Graveside services were held on Monday, June 21, 2010, at Fisher Cemetery in Underwood. Rev. Bob Hoefler officiated the 10:30 a.m. service.

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