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Murace Eldon Weems, 81

Sept. 12, 1912 - Aug. 3, 1994

Botna - Murace Eldon, son of Charley and Rosa Millett Weems, was born Sept. 12, 1912 at Botna. He attended rural school. He entered the United States Navy July 6, 1942 at Great Lakes, IL and went to radio school at Northwestern University at Evanston, IL. He served both in the Pacific and Asiatic areas on the following service vessels and these stations held: NTS, Great Lakes, IL, USS Bailey DD492, USS Maury 401 CBS 6 Flag Allow, USS Cascade AD 16FFT, USS Bagley DD 386FA CDS 6, USS Otterstetter DE 244, and USS Wilson DD 408 ComDe A Div. 12. He was awarded 13 Battle Stars and was discharged as a Radioman 3/C Dec. 14, 1945, at USN Personnel Separation Center, Minneapolis, MN.

After his honorable discharge, he returned to Botna where he lived with and cared for his mother. He also worked at various jobs in the Botna area. In 1981 he and his brother, Burl moved to the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. He was a member of the American Legion Post 22 and VFW Post 3517. He entered Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines Aug. 3, 1994 and died there later that day at age 81 years, 10 months, and 22 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers: Earl, Burl, Homer, Newton and Ralph. Survivors include nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Clara Crouch, of Irwin; as well as other relatives.

Military honors were by Emil Ewoldt Post 22 of the American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3517, Manning.

Funeral services were held Aug. 6, 1994 at the Ohde Funeral Home with Pastor Louis Miller officiating. Burial was in the Manning City cemetery. Casket bearers were: Wayne Justice, Duane Wegner, Jack Borkowski, Gale Moore, Richard Wooster and Lewis Hemminger. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.