Melvin Silvara

His Legacy... Melvin Watt Silvara, 94 of Oroville, passed away on May 21, 2015. Mel was born in Grand Island, NE on July 21, 1920 to Perry & Carrie Watt Silvara. He had two brothers, Lowell & Raymond & two sisters, Marguerite & Harriet. Mel was the son of a Midwestern Baptist Minister. They traveled throughout the Midwest, as his father preached from Church to Church. Melvin married Joan Jester in Joplin, MO & had two daughters, Susan Allen, Judith Cockrell (deceased). While working for the AT&T phone company & in the Military Reserves, Mel was sent to California to build radar stations along the west coast where he continued working for AT&T for 35 years. He settled in Oroville, California where he married Juanita Stumbo. They had a son Bruce Silvara. Melvin lived in Oroville for 60 years. Melvin served in both WWII and the Korean War. While in the Air Force he flew B-24's. Mel was a volunteer firefighter for the Oroville Fire Department for 25 years. He belonged to the Lions Club & attended the Thermalito Baptist Church & later Grace Baptist Church in Oroville. Mel spent his summers camping at Little Grass Valley Lake, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and his shotgun collection. He loved baseball & helped coach little league and the Oroville Olives. He loved watching the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A’s and play black jack at the casinos.

His Farewell Service... A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Ramsey Funeral Home 1175 Robinson St. Oroville, CA. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

His Family... He is survived by his son Bruce Silvara of Chico, CA; granddaughter Amanda Shipman, great granddaughters, Natalie Shipman and Makenzie Shipman, grandsons, Josh Cockrell, and Jolan Cockrell, niece Robyn (Mark) Caruthers, great nieces Olivia & Whitney Caruthers, and niece Linda Briggeman.

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