

Hand, Ronald B. d 3-13-1999

Ronald B. Hand, 76, of Oakdale, Calif., died of a heart ailment March 13 at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto, Calif. The body was cremated, and memorial graveside services will be at 10 a.m. May 27 at Evergreen Cemetery in Collins. Mr. Hand was born in Collins and lived in Oakdale 39 years. He was a retired boiler engineer and served 20 years in the Navy. Oakdale Memorial Chapel handled arrangements.

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Ronald B. Hand, 76, of Oakdale, Calif., died Saturday, March 13, of heart failure at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto.

He was born in Collins to Fay Edward and Florence (Bates) Hand, and graduated from Collins High School. He entered the Navy in July of 1940. He already had three older brothers in the Navy at that time. He was one of six boys in his family who was in the Navy during WW II. All six of them survived. On July 27, 1945, the ship he was on — the USS Callaghan — sank after being hit by a kamikaze.

He lived in Oakdale for 39 years and worked as a boiler engineer for 25 years at Hunt-Wesson Foods. He was a member of the Teamsters union, Local 748. He served in the Navy for 20 years; he was a member of the Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 2922, Oakdale and the Fleet Reserve.

Survivors include his wife, Joean Hand of Oakdale; children, Sally Hand Webster of Oakdale, Calif., Steve Hand and Marsha Poulson, both of Modesto, Calif., and Nancy Mason of Carmel, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Russell Hand of La Mirada, Howard Hand and Bill Hand, both of Iowa, and Richard Hand of Arkansas; and a sister, Donna Jones of Iowa.

He is preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were already held in Oakdale; and a funeral service will also be held in Collins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, at the Evergreen Cemetery, where he will be buried.