

OBITUARY

Merwin 'Mer' Van Dyke, 85

Merwin 'Mer' Van Dyke, passed away at his California home on Oct. 24, 2003 at the age of 85.

He was born Nov. 29, 1917 in Ankeny to Jacob and Barbara Van Dyke and he was raised in Kellogg and later moved to Melbourne.

In 1941 he married Jane Lanning. The owned and operated the local hardware store with plumbing, heating and wiring services for 20 years. He was an active community leader as well as serving his country during WW II, where he provided counter intelligence while stationed in Japan.

After Mer retired the family moved to California where he became very active in the Christ Community Church. A master of his craft, he could build and repair anything. His hobbies included woodworking, fishing, camping, watching sports and his Bible

studies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Jerry and Ed.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years; three daughters Bonnie Caster (Mrs. Larry) of Woodland, CA; Judy Castleberry (Mrs. Tom) of Sparks, NV; Peggy Van Dyke of Tahoe City, CA; four grandchildren; and a sister, Fran Roberts (Mrs. Wayne) of Fort Worth, TX.

A memorial service was held at the Christ Community Church in Carmichael, CA on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Remembrance gifts may be directed to the church at 5025 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608.

Cards may be sent to Jane Van Dyke at: 6412 Oakcreek Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.