

Date of Birth
Apr 02, 1925



Date of Passing
Jan 28, 2016

ARTHUR JOSEPH ROMAGNO

Arthur was born on April 2, 1925 to parents, Joseph and Pasqua Romagno in an oilfield community at Grass Creek, Wyoming. At an early age, Arthur's family moved to Cottonwood Creek where they homesteaded and raised cattle. Arthur attended "Happy Hollow" School, a one room school house on Cottonwood Creek for grades one through eight and attended Hot Springs High School in Thermopolis, Wyoming where he graduated in 1943. Arthur was inducted into the U.S. Army early in 1944, taking 16 weeks of basic training at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. After completing basic training, he was given a 10 day furlough for a short stay at home before reporting for duty in the 201st Infantry Battalion at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Here he received six weeks of infantry training prior to being shipped overseas as an infantry replacement. His ship, the USS Tasker H. Bliss, landed at Naples, Italy in December of 1944. Arthur remembered eating Christmas dinner in the rain. After spending time in the replacement depot, Arthur was assigned to a signal corps battalion attached to the 5th Army Headquarters. After the war ended, his outfit was assigned as occupation troops in Vienna, Austria where he remained until

June of 1946 when he was shipped back to the United States and was honorably discharged from the service at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. While Arthur was home on furlough, he met and fell in love with the only love of his life, Helen Yount. He asked her if she would marry him after the war was over and she said yes she would wait for him and she did. They were married on June 19, 1946 in Red Lodge, Montana and spent nearly 62 years of marriage together. Four children were born to this union: Roy, Carolynn, Dixie and Joseph. Arthur worked in the oilfields at Hamilton Dome, Wyoming for twenty years as a roustabout, pumper and welder. He was transferred by Empire State Oil Company to Taft, California in 1966 where he worked as a contract welder until his retirement in January of 2001. Arthur trained a number of the younger welders working in Kern County today. Arthur was an active member and twice Past President of The Model T Ford Club of Kern County (1984 and 1985) and a life member of the Model T Ford Club of America. Art, Helen and family enjoyed driving and touring in their beautifully restored 1915 Model T throughout the western United States. Arthur was also a life member of VFW Post #2281 in Thermopolis, Wyoming. Arthur is preceded in death by his beloved wife Helen, son Joseph, daughter Dixie and daughter Carolynn. He is survived by his son Roy; four grandchildren Tara Rowland and her husband, Philip, Joshua Kelly, Jennifer Floyd and Jarrod Romagno; ten great-grandchildren Austin, Cassidy, Brandon, Griffin, Arthur, Kaleb, Kaitelin, Christian, Brooklyn and Alex; and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held in the Erickson & Brown Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow in the West Side District Cemetery. There are no visitation hours scheduled. To sign an online guestbook or express online condolences please visit www.EricksonAndBrown.com.

Memories of ARTHUR

