

George Cedric Berry *GH-R* *3-23-2015*

George Cedric Berry, 92, a former Grinnell, Iowa, resident, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at his home in Modesto, California. A burial will be at a later date at the Hazelwood Cemetery, in Grinnell, Iowa.

George was born on Nov. 29, 1922 in Grinnell, Iowa, the son of George William and Lettie (Brownlie) Berry. He attended Grinnell Schools, and was employed at the Mead Bomb Plant at Mead, Nebraska, before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1942. He returned to Grinnell after being discharged from the Navy in 1945.

George married Bonne Thomazin of Grinnell, on May 20, 1944, at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell. The couple made their home in Grinnell after the war when George worked at Hatcher Auto Company and then in 1948 they moved to Seattle, Washington, where he worked for Boeing Airlines. They would later move to California where he worked for the Federal then the State Forestry Service.

In 1986, after their family was grown and retirement from the California Forestry Service, they would return to Iowa and lived in Traer, Lynnville and Grinnell, Iowa. In 2000 they returned to California to be near their three daughters and their families.

George is survived by his wife, Bonne; children: Linda (Rich) Struhm, of Groveland, California; twin daughters, Debbi Phillips of Modesto, California; and Dyanna Riley of Fallbrook, California; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a brother, Gene (Dorothy) Berry, Malcom, Iowa; a sister, Marjorie (Murl) Hatfield of Exline, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; a loving friend (Uncle) Jose Contreras and in-laws Walt and Saudi Harris, Gilman, Iowa, Sharon Fleming, Mason City, Iowa and Robert Thomazin, Garner, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister Harriet (Orville) Hafkey; sisters Joyce Ann and Lettie Louise in infancy; and sons-in-law, Joe Phillips and Mack Riley.