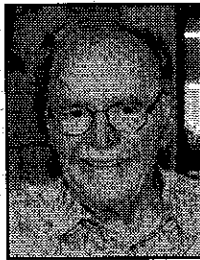


Obituary

Merlyn Bruce Gertsma, 86, Mesa

Merlyn Bruce Gertsma of Mesa, Arizona passed away Oct. 17, 2008. Merlyn was born in Lynnville, Iowa on July 23, 1922. Survivors include his wife Virginia, married 45 years, two daughters, Teresa Duranti (Ron), Mesa, AZ, Dori Rounsaville (Robert), M. Gertsma Lockport, IL and five grandchildren. He has one sister, Ruth Vander Wilt who resides in Kansas. Also survived by three daughters from a previous marriage, Linda Longstreet (Jesse) Kincaid,



Judy Gertsma and Kathy Gertsma and one granddaughter.

Merlyn served in WWII as a B-24 pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He flew for American Airlines for 25 years.

In 1987, he and Virginia retired to Mesa, AZ. He is a member of the Red Mountain United Methodist Church, the Order of Daedalians, as well as the American Legion and the Moose Organization. Services were held Oct. 21, at the Red Mountain United Methodist Church in Mesa. Interment was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix. Memorials can be given to Serenity House, 7227 N. 16th St., Suite 170, Phoenix, AZ 85020.