

John Ritter Services Set For Today

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, for John G. Ritter Sr., formerly of Leona Valley.

Services will be held at Cortners Chapel in Redlands, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in the Palmdale Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

Ritter was born in 1902, in Leona Valley, where he lived until he and his wife, Margaret, moved to Redlands in 1959. He died Monday Aug. 24, in Redlands.

He and his brothers owned a 12,000-acre ranch where they ran cattle and farmed.

Ritter's second love was hunting and fishing, which he continued after his retirement in 1957 when they sold the ranch. The Ritter family was one of the first settlers in the Valley and have contributed much to the Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of the home, three sons, John Jr., of Yerington, Nev., Pete of Lancaster, Ralph of Leona Valley and a daughter, Susie Tatum, Burden, Kan.; two brothers, Emil, Tehachapi, and William, Palmdale; two sisters, Freda Redman, Lancaster, and Clara Ikler, Palmdale; and nine grandchildren.