

Homer Watkins

Funeral services will be held today (Tuesday, Oct. 12) at 2 p.m. at Chapel of the Valley Mortuary, Palmdale, for Homer Watkins, 82, a resident of the Valley since 1977 and of California since 1945. The Rev. Haley James of Missionary Baptist Church of Oakland will officiate and interment will follow in Palmdale District Cemetery. Chapel of the Valley Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

A sand blaster for 25 years for Mare Island Shipyards, Mr. Watkins was born Jan. 21, 1900, in Georgia. He was a

member of Second Baptist Church of Vallejo and of Vallejo American Legion post 104. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and married the former Walter Lynn July 9, 1965, in Nevada. He died Oct. 7 in Lancaster.

Mr. Watkins is survived by his wife, Walter Watkins of Palmdale; two sons, Alfred Watkins of Newhall and Theodore Watkins Bolton of Georgia; two sisters, Annie Bolton of Michigan and Cynthia Watkins of Georgia; and numerous nieces and nephews.