

B E A N , R o b e r t J . , died peacefully at home on Saturday, July 1, 2000. The birds he loved sang outside his open window early in the morning as he moved from this world to the next with dignity, having left all things in good order for those who survive and love him. He was born on Feb. 17, 1919 in Petit, Okla., and grew up always hungry, the second youngest in a proud but struggling family. He joined the Navy to see the world over the course of his life. He visited every continent on earth including Antarctica. His sister Bonnie called him a self-made gentleman, as indeed he was, displaying the qualities of kindness and honor to strangers as well as those he knew and loved. He understood what it meant to be poor and sup-

ported causes helping children throughout the world. After his service in World War II, he enjoyed several careers, retiring in 1985 after 20 years as a marine engineer. He was generous and funny, surprising and an independent thinker who could quote Shakespeare, and played chess and bridge with the best of them.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Don Bosworth; grandchildren, Jonathan and Cheramie Johnson; sisters, Winona Hogue, Sylvia Sharp, Pauline Barkman, and Bonnie Kerivan; numerous nieces and nephews; and many loved and loving friends. Graveside services will be at Desert Lawn Memorial Park at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 7, 2000. **Halley-Olsen-Murphy Memorial Chapel and Crematory Palmdale, Directors.**