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San Clemente, CA

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Smith, Alva Vernon peacefully passed away on July 10, 2002 in San Clemente, California. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Opal; children, Dave and Nancy; grandchildren, Tara, Matt, and Kerrin; and great-grandchild, Elliott. He was born on June 15, 1921 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was raised by his mother Vera and father Vernon in Southern California where he resided all of his life. He married Opal on January 28, 1944 and remained happily married for 58 years.

Al proudly served the United States in World War II as a Corporal in the Army's 96th Infantry Division. For his honorable service as a rifleman he received a Purple Heart, among many other medals.

He was also a member of the Masonic Order. "Smitty" genuinely loved his family and friends. There was no limit to his generosity of love, support, and advice for those close to him. He truly understood the importance of family and the value of helping others. Al will be remembered and greatly appreciated by all for his love, kindness and generosity.