



Ben V Jenik

May 6, 1918 - January 18, 2019

Ben V Jenik passed away on January 18, 2019, at the age of 100, in Visalia, California. He was born on the family farm, in Menlo, Kansas, May 6, 1918, to Ben and Rosa (Vолоk) Jenik. He was the 6th of 8 children. His brothers were Frank (Philipenna "Phyllis"), Fred (Margaret), Beldon (Betty), and Allan (Betty). His sisters were Mabel (Fred Gaede), Alice (Vernon Richmond) and Hester (Eddie Ryan). All of his siblings and their spouses and his parents preceded him in death.

Ben married Viola Wasse Miller on August 8, 1947, in Monument, Kansas. She preceded him in death in 2015. They were married 67 years. To this union are 5 surviving children: Juanita, Patty, Barbara (John), Les (Donna) and Laurie. Survived also by 7 grandchildren: Jopha, Josh, Cynthia, Kleet, Coltan, Benjamin, and Brandon. One grandson, Rowdy Mangini, precedes him in death (1988). He leaves 6 great grandchildren and numerous extended family, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; especially his group of great bowling alley friends.

Ben served in WWII Army Air Forces 92nd ADG Supply Squ 490 Bomb Grp/Rank Sgt. He worked over 40 years as a John Deere tractor mechanic. Retired from Lawrence Tractor in 1983. (Visalia, Ca.). Ben moved his family from Kansas in 1958 to Thornton, Colorado. Then in April 1959 he moved his family to Visalia, Ca. where his youngest daughter was born. He enjoyed bowling, reading, current events, growing tomatoes, feeding the birds along with numerous other interests.

He was a loving kind, and generous man, who will be missed by many and eternally loved and cherished in their hearts by his remaining family and friends.

A viewing will be held Monday, January 28, 2019 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel from 3pm to 7pm. A Funeral service will be held Friday, March 8, 2019 at Kennedy Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, Kansas followed by a graveside service at Monument Cemetery in Monument, Kansas. Condolences can be made to www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

MAR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kennedy Koster Funeral Home
217 Freeman Ave
Oakley, KS 67748

Graveside

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Monument Cemetery
Monument, KS 67747