



IN MEMORIAM



Luther Elmer Benson

September 6, 1914 - January 7, 2014



Luther E. Benson, 99, of West Thomas Street, passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at home.

Private Memorial service will be held at a later date and cremation has taken place under the direction of West Funeral Home.

Luther Elmer Benson was born to Samuel and Lyda (McVay) Benson on September 6, 1914 in Ingersoll, Oklahoma. He was raised and attended school in Cherokee, Oklahoma. He and Lyla Johnson Benson were married on July 4, 1934.

In 1979, following a lifelong career in the grocery business Elmer, moved to Carlsbad from Long Beach, CA. He was a 30 year member of Lion's Club International, a 66 year member of Masonic Lodge 105 AF & AM in Alva, OK and a member of First Christian Church of Carlsbad where he had served as both a deacon and Chairman of the Board.

One of Elmer's favorite hobbies was bowling but he was forced to quit at age 90 for health reasons.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Lyla, twin brother Delmar Benson and sister Laverda Tate.

Elmer is survived by his daughter: Jeanine Thorp of Carlsbad; grandson: Stephen Thorp and wife Randi of Lubbock, TX; great-grandchild, Rylie Renee Thorp; nieces and nephews: Jane Tucker and husband Charles, Gary Johnson and wife Nancy, Debbie Carter and husband Terry, and Doug Tate.

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