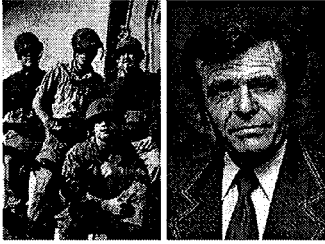

Don M. Cross

Don M. Cross died in Bakersfield on March 18, 2017 at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife Rose, of 72 years, his 6 children--Paul, John, Jim (wife Doylana), Vicky (husband Bloke), Bob, and Donna (husband Peter) in addition to his 9 grandchildren--Kelly, Misty, Jerad, Matthew, Megan, Jeremy, Lindsey, Keith, Allison and 2 great grandchildren--Luke and Anna.

A survivor of the Invasion of Normandy Beach, during War War II, Don served in the United States Navy and the Merchant Marines (Coast Guard).

He met his wife in New York City while on leave. They came to Oildale to join his father Frank where he built the house they raised 6 children in and where his wife still lives.

He retired from Pacific Gas and Electric Company after more than 30 years as an electric trouble-man. Elected to several terms on the North of the River Water District as President and Director, he also served on the Beardsley School Board and NOR Recreation and Park District. He was a life-time member of CALM for his donation of electrical work in the Snake House.

A devoted runner and marathoner, Don, Rose and eldest son, Paul lead the Bakersfield Track Club for many years. He donated 18 gallons of blood and is a member of the 100 Platelets Club at the Houchin Blood Bank.

Graveside services by the Mission Family Mortuary will be held on Wednesday, April 5th, 2017 at 10 a.m. At the Bakersfield National Cemetery at 30338 E. Bear Mountain Blvd., Arvin 93203.

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