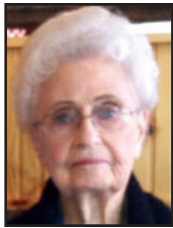


Ida Ellamay Bonnar

Ida Ellamay Bonnar, 91, passed away with her daughters present on Friday,



September 30th. Born Ida Essick on December 30, 1924 in Redondo Beach, California, this active member of "The Greatest Generation" made this world a better place. She was a giver.

As a child she weathered the Great Depression with spunk. Tough economic times for the nation did not seem to pale Ida's attitude to "get things done." Eventually moving to the San Joaquin Valley she graduated from Riverdale High School near the beginning of World War II. As editor of the school yearbook and newspaper, she excelled at "taking charge" and meeting deadlines early in life. Upon graduation, Ida attended the Central California Commercial College (4Cs) in Fresno. Answering the call during the War, Ida worked for the U.S. Army Air Corps at Eagle Field, in Dos Palos, at the Long Beach Ferry Command, for the U.S. Navy at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station and for the Chrysler Corporation in Los Angeles. She was always proud of her service and also talked of the exciting times of the Big Band era.

Ida was reacquainted with Ira (Alden) Sargent

after his return from World War II as a Japanese prisoner of war. Together, they settled in Lost Hills, California and raised four children, Terry, Steven, Nancy and James. Family and stability were always the focus. Ida and Ira taught the importance of hard work, frugality and education. Setting the leadership example, Ida volunteered as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, was the PTA president, and joined numerous charitable committees. Beginning part time, she eventually became the fulltime Post Mistress of the local Post Office.

After Ira's sudden death in 1970, Ida moved to Porterville, California to be closer to her children. There she eventually met and married Clyde Bonnar, another World War II veteran. Like her first marriage, Ida was happily married for another 23 years. While in Porterville, Ida worked at Dr. Jamison's office, co-owned the Broaster Den restaurant, and worked for Porter Vista Public Utility until her "retirement" in 1990. While retired, she volunteered at the Porterville Police Department (PAL Program) for 8 years, volunteered at Sierra Vista Hospital, was a driver ferrying patients to their medical appointments, and worked part time as a secretary at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. In addition, Ida was an active member of the VFW Auxiliary and

was on the veterans committee of the Porterville Democratic Club.

Moving to Eugene, Oregon in 2011 to again be closer to her children, her daughter Nancy became her best friend. Ida was proud to volunteer for F.I.S.H. in Eugene, taking requests for food, propane, and assistance with prescription medicine. No longer able to knit, you would find Ida completing crossword puzzles, answering Jeopardy questions and conversing. She was an "action figure" before it became popular.

Ida Bonnar will be remembered as a compassionate and witty mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was always fun to be around. Ida is survived by her daughter Terry White of Sprague River, Oregon; son Steven Sargent of Waverly, Nebraska; daughter Nancy Sargent-Johnson of Eugene, Oregon; and son James Sargent of Bellingham, Washington. Her loving step-daughters include Elaine Baker of Cascade, Montana and Claudia Goldman of Manteca, California. She also leaves seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements entrusted to Musgrove Family Mortuary. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com