

Ernie B. Bryant, born 2/21/1924 in Arlington, CA passed away on 11/28/08 after a long fight with cancer. He died peacefully at his home in San Marcos, CA with his wife, Joan Bennett Bryant at his side. Ernie was in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1946 and served on the U.S.S. Essex as a Gunner's Mate 1st Class. He participated in operations around Wake Island, the Gilberts, Rabaul, Marshalls, Truk, Marianas, Philippines, Palau, and Formosa, and in the China Sea and Japan. He received a Presidential Unit Citation for his service. He is survived by his wife, Joan Bennett Bryant, his daughters Glenna Roark of Visalia, CA and Luan Lissner of Carlsbad, CA, grandchildren Philip Bower, Dr. Kris Bower, Donovan Roark, Kelsey Lissner and Elise Lissner, and great-grandson Philip R. Bower, as well as several brothers and sisters. Services were at Riverside National Cemetary on December 12, 2008.