

Raymond James Bonin passed away May 6, 2002. He was born on Nov. 28, 1918, in Minneapolis, Minn. and lived in Lucerne Valley for the past 42 years. Raymond served in the Army Air Force as a gunner on a B29 in World War II. He was a past president of the Lucerne Valley Lions Club and regional chairman. Raymond was postmaster for Lucerne Valley before retiring in 1978. His brother, three sisters and two sons, John and Joseph, preceded him in death. The surviving family includes his wife of 62 years, Lois; children, Nancy Higgins, Charles Bonin, Carol Tevis and Joan Medici; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Raymond was very involved in the community until his health started to fail. He has been a Boy Scout leader, a Little League coach and an umpire. He was a member of the Lucerne Valley Sheriff's Posse, school board president and an usher in his church. Raymond earned the honor of being Lucerne Valley's Citizen of the Year in 1974. Some of Raymond's favorite pastimes were collecting stamps, coins and trains. He also loved to work in his garage building all sorts of things out of wood. At Raymond's request, a private ceremony will be held at the Veteran's Memorial in Riverside. Dudley Apple Valley Mortuary is handling arrangements.