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William Seth Oviatt, 76, was born March 8, 1924, in Harrison County, Iowa, and passed into eternal life on Dec. 25, 2002, in Taft, Calif.

William spent his early years in Nebraska and went to work in construction as a truck driver. When he was 17, he and four friends drove to Seattle, Wash., to work for Boeing Aircraft as a mechanic from 1943 to March of 1944. From there, he went home to sign up for the service. From March to November, he worked on a ranch in South Dakota until he was drafted. At 18, he and his friend, J. Naylor, went into the Army Air Force together. Sometime after the service, he worked for the railroad in California as a telegrapher and later he owned his own business and worked many other places, including Vetco Offshore in Ventura for 17 years, where he retired and moved to Oregon, then to New Mexico. About a year and a half ago, they decided to move to Taft, Calif., to be next to family.

In death, he is reunited with his mother, father, four sisters and one brother.

Left behind is his beloved wife of 49 years, Marjorie; daughters, Donna Mae Francis, Bonnie Lyn Lucking and her husband, Bill and Marjorie Ann Lingo and her husband, Guy; grandchildren, Eric Allen Arwood, Tammy Mae Berry, Jennifer Dawn Waller, Sarah Iva Toenjes and Alison Lucking; and great-grandchildren, Jordan Alexander Gibbard, Michael Berry, Skyler Damon Berry and two new ones due anytime.

There are no visitation hours scheduled.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, in the Erickson & Brown Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Erickson & Brown Funeral Home, 501 Lucard St., Taft,
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