

Gregory J. Norman Funeral Chapel

James Richards Lowe

(May 28, 1920 - October 2, 2010)

James R. Lowe, 90, of Grand Forks, ND and formerly of Los Angeles, CA and Fallon, NV passed away Saturday, October 2, 2010 in 4000 Valley Square, Woodside Village in Grand Forks.



James Richards Lowe was born May 28, 1920 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Otis C. and Lucille (Richards) Lowe. He moved with his family to Los Angeles, CA graduating from Fairfax High School and attended the University of Southern California. James married Roberta "Bobbie" Berns on August 17, 1941 in Los Angeles. He enlisted in the United States Navy on May 6, 1944 in Los Angeles and during World War II served as an Aviation Radioman in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was honorably discharged from military service on December 16, 1945 at San Pedro, CA.

He returned to Los Angeles and was employed with Pacific Bell in the Hollywood Television Pool. He worked in broadcasting television productions, Rose Bowl Games, Rose Bowl Parades and the Academy Awards. During this time, he obtained a top secret security clearance with the United States Government. This permitted him to work with the U.S. Secret Service, several American Presidents, government officials and NASA. Following his retirement in 1979, James and Bobbie moved to Fallon, NV, where they lived for 17 years enjoying rock hunting. They moved to Grand Forks in 1996. In 2009, he and Bobbie were baptized in the Catholic faith and became members of Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Forks. He was a HAM radio operator, a member of The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and enjoyed wood working. Bobbie was the love of his life. He was a devoted father who instilled in his daughters (one more than the other) a love of football and fishing. He and his son shared a fondness for rock collecting. Like another famous Californian, ketchup was his favorite vegetable.

He is survived by, his wife, Roberta; a son, Kenneth Lowe, Reno, NV; daughters, Catherine (James) Smith, Tarzana, CA, Gale (Patrick) O'Neill, Grand Forks, ND; a nephew, Charles (Linda) Lowe; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles E. Lowe.

Funeral Mass: 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5, 2010 in Holy Family Catholic Church, Grand Forks, ND.

Family Greeting: One hour prior to the liturgy in the church on Tuesday.

Interment: Veterans Garden, Memorial Park Cemetery South, Grand Forks, ND

Military Honors: Members of the American Legion Post 157, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3817 and the North Dakota National Guard.