



**H**omer W. Thompson, 97, of Bozeman passed away November 1, 2009 at Elsie's Assisted Living in Belgrade where he had resided the past two years. He was born in the Springhill area on April 27, 1912 to Warren and Lola (White) Thompson.

Homer married Lillie Ann Bennett in Livingston, Montana on August 1, 1936. He worked for a while in the mines at Butte, Montana until WWII when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard a supply ship in the Pacific. Some of the awards he received were the Pacific Theater, Philippine Liberation, Navy Good Conduct, and the WWII Victory Medals. Upon discharge from the Navy in 1946, he enlisted in the Navy Reserve where he was promoted to the rank of Chief Gunners mate.

He started work at the Montana Power Company as a meter-reader, and was eventually promoted to supervisor of the gas division where he organized the Bozeman-Livingston local union.

He was a member of the American Legion in Bozeman, rising to the position of Post Commander. He was also a fifty-year member of Grand Avenue Christian Church. Upon his retirement in 1977, he and his wife turned into snowbirds and spent the winters in Arizona and California until the '90's. Due to his wife becoming ill, and his failing eyesight, they decided to stay in Bozeman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spent many summers camping with his grandchildren. His children and grandchildren loved him very much and he will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie, in 2001; grandson, David Leiva in 1998; granddaughter, Reianne Thompson, in 2004; his brothers, Wesley, Forrest, Glenn, and Art; and sister, Faye Theobald.

Homer is survived by his daughter, Vera Cutting, Belgrade; sons, Gary Thompson, Kalispell, Montana and Walter (Les) Thompson, Great Falls, Montana. Also surviving are grandchildren, Carrie (Dan) Jones, Robert Leiva, Jr., Duane Thompson, and Doug Thompson; three great and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 9 at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. Interment will follow in Sunset Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grand Avenue Christian Church, 110 S. Grand Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715