



## Benson Francis Quisenberry

July 27, 1920 - April 16, 2015

Benson Francis Quisenberry passed away at his home in Yreka on April 16, 2015. He was 94 years old.

Benson was born in El Dorado, Kansas on July 27, 1920. In 1944, he married Elizabeth Bahruth, another Kansas native and the love of his life, before going off to war in World War II. As a radio man, he flew in 30 bombing missions over occupied Europe. Their first son, William, was born while he was away at war, in 1945.

After the war, Benson continued his education on the G.I. Bill, achieving a PhD in Entomology. He always said he couldn't have done it without the love and support of his wife, Elizabeth.

Their second son, Michael, was born during the time he taught school at the university level in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1950.

Later, Benson went to work for an agricultural chemical company that was a subsidiary of the Chevron Company. His career rise had them living in various parts of the country from the south to the northeast and in the west. At his final position, he was at the company headquarters in Richmond, California, as manager of field research and services. After 26 years, at the age of 58, he made the decision to retire.

Benson and Elizabeth retired and moved from Walnut Creek to Seiad Valley, to a house and land fronting on the Klamath River. There they enjoyed 12 years of returning to their rural roots. He became an accomplished gardener, growing a great variety of fruits and vegetables they shared with family and friends. He was proud that he grew things that others said couldn't be grown in the area. In 1990, they decided to move into Yreka, where he was able to remain physically active by walking a route that took him from one end of Yreka to the other, well into his eighties.

Benson is survived by Elizabeth, his wife of 71 years; his brother, Bob Quisenberry; sons William and Michael Quisenberry; grandchildren Erik Quisenberry, Christine Simon and Sandra Sinharoy; and great grandchildren Logan Simon, Jarrett Quisenberry and Diana Sinharoy. He will be missed.

No services are scheduled.