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Decorated WW2 veteran Dennis Odell Duniphin passed away on the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Friday morning December 7th, 2001 at the age of 81 years 7 months and 26 days.

Dennis was born April 11th, 1920 in Duncan, Oklahoma moving to California in 1938. Dennis entered into active duty with the U.S. Army August 23, 1940 obtaining his basic training at Ft. Ord, CA and advanced infantry training at Camp White in Oregon. He was transferred to Ft. Lewis, WA where he prepared troops for their overseas duty in the Pacific Theater. In July of 1944 he was sent overseas as a member of the 96th Infantry Division serving as a Platoon Sgt. taking part in the battles of Leyte, Ryukyu and Okinawa. On Mothers Day May 13th, 1945 he tragically lost both legs below the knee from wounds incurred from a land mine explosion. Dennis was medically discharged from the service on December 20th, 1945. Along with numerous campaign ribbons he was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his valor.

Dennis had worked as a small appliance repairman for 15yrs, lastly for Dave's Appliance in Hayward, CA. In 1965 he and his family moved to Quincy, CA from Castro Valley, CA to manage the Lariat Lodge for the next two and a half years. Dennis was a lifetime member of the Quincy Post of the VFW, the Purple Heart Association and the Veterans of the 96th Infantry Division.

An avid outdoorsman he enjoyed hunting and fishing especially throughout the area of the Black Rock Desert in Nevada. An accomplished cribbage player he was a longtime member of the Grassroots Cribbage Club.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 54yrs Eldora of Quincy, CA, son and daughter-in-law Danny and Teresa Duniphin of Tonapah, NV, daughters, Diane and Sandra both of Quincy, CA along with Kathy of Mesa, AZ, Anabelle, Susan, and Cheryl all of Sandpoint, ID. Twelve grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews along with a host of comrades from the 96th Infantry Division.

Along with his parents he is predeceased by 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Following cremation at Fehrman Crematory in Quincy, CA a celebration of his life will be held 11:00AM Wednesday December 12th, 2001 at the Fehrman Mortuary Chapel in Quincy, CA with Fr. Andrew Koziczuk, Pastor St. Johns Catholic Church officiating. Inurnment with military honors will follow in the Meadow Valley District Cemetery. An opportunity to leave a memorial tribute is available online @ www.fehrmanmortuary.com. The family requests any donations in his memory be made to one of the following; St. Johns Catholic Church, Pink Ladies of Sunbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation in Quincy, CA, Quincy Post of the VFW or Plumas District Hospital Volunteers c/o Fehrman Mortuary and Crematory P.O. Box 53 Quincy, CA 95971.