

Mr. Edwards

John W. Edwards, 54, of Bellflower, Calif., died Monday, April 12, at his residence after a long illness. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late John Wesley and Thelma Franklin Edwards, and was married to Ella Merchant Edwards, who survives. He was a millwright with Anaconda Brass Company, a veteran of World War II, retired from

the U.S. Navy with 20 years' service, and a member of First United Methodist Church, Franklin. He was a treasurer of United Steel Workers Union, a member of Bellflower Elks Club, and a member of Franklin VFW and the Fleet Reserve.

Services were held Saturday in Bryant Funeral Chapel and burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park. The Rev. Thomas Grubb officiated and pallbearers were Eddie Bateman, Ronnie Franklin, Tracy Tallent, Walter Hunter, John Hunter, and Kurt Davies.

Surviving, in addition to the wife, are two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Keenoy, of Huntington Harbor, Calif., and Mrs. Sharyn Deger, of Downey, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Helen E. Bryant, of Salisbury, Md., Mrs. Ruth E. Bateman and Mrs. Barbara E. Tallent, both of Franklin; and three grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Bryant Funeral Home.

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