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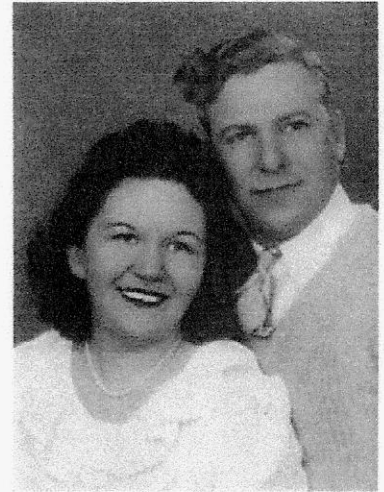
## Kenneth Dale Groot 22 February 1914 - 5 April 2008

Kenneth Dale Groot "known to family and friends as Dale" after spending a period in a rehab center was taken to be with his LORD. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio and after some time in Pennsylvania his father Marion Neil took his 7 children to Toledo, Ohio. At age 19 he married Ellen Gertrude (Rose) from Fisk, Missouri on October 29, 1933 after knowing her for only two weeks and raised 4 children on Countway Road in Holland, Ohio when he built a two story home from the ground up. He started with a \$17 load of wood from railroad box car's called a rip track. Digging a full basement by shovel and bucket plus working double shifts many times at Libby Owens Ford Glass Company in Rossford, Ohio as an overhead crane operator. His fellow workers called him "The singing crane man." He did it all with a crippled leg. He fastened a handle on his thermos bottle so he could carry it and his lunch pail while using his crutches.

In 1960 he sold his home and headed west to California where his youngest daughter Patty and her daughter Debbi moved the previous year. He then took his wife Ellen and their oldest daughter Lolly's son Lee (which they raised from four months old) into Baha, CA, to do missionary work at an orphanage and to help build a church at La Mission Mexico. They came back to San Diego Co. around 1965-66 and ran the Christian Haven Ranch in San Ysidro, CA next to the border of Mexico. They held church service every Sunday; Bible study during the week. They received donations from people and took them into Mexico. In January of 1980 their youngest son Tony bought a house for them in Spring Valley, CA., where Ellen died in 1990 of October which ended a union of 57 years.

In 1995, Virginia Belle Doremus, the wife of a friend of Dale's came to California after her husband Kenny passed away. Dale asked Virginia to marry him, so she went back to Alabama to get her belongings and on August 5, 1995 they were married in El Cajon, CA. Through the years they took trips back to Ohio to see

her children Linda Hanley, April Maharrey, Terry and Allen and Dale's grand daughter Paula Jones and her children, and on to Adger, Alabama to see her son Phillip, then to Palmetto, Florida to see Dale's sister "Trudy" Gertrude Taylor. On their way to Ohio they stopped in to see friends Roger and Martha Fredricks in Effingham, Kansas.



1945 Ellen Gertrude (Rose) age 29  
Kenneth Dale Groot age 31

Dale was preceded in death by his wife Ellen Gertrude Rose, November 2, 1916-October 19, 1990 in Spring Valley, CA.

His oldest daughter Lenora Lee Miller, Dec. 9, 1934-Dec 6, 1989 Riverside, CA.

His son Bob's son, Robert Randall, May 14, 1959 - June 19, 1997, San Diego, CA.

Also two brothers, Lynn, July 22, 1926-February 23, 1990 San Diego.

Robert Allison March 30, 1917-April 22, 2002 of Oil City, Pennsylvania and his own two sisters, "Trudy" Gertrude Taylor Jan. 3, 1921 - Oct 16, 2007 of Palmetto, FL, and Mary Joan Neeper, Oct 17, 1929 - October 30, 2000 of Toledo, Ohio.

Dale is survived by his wife Virginia Belle, two brothers Herbert Stanley age 95y 11m of San Diego, CA, and Thomas LaGrande age 88y 11m of Winchester, Virginia. Two sons Bob age 72y 3m of Long Beach, CA, and Tony age 68y 8m of Lancaster, CA, and daughter Patricia Gale Bowley age 69y 11m of Spring Valley, CA, 14 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 20 great great grandchildren.