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Header : Arthur Albrecht

Longtime Animas Valley resident Arthur Albrecht died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, in Durango. He was 89.

Mr. Albrecht was born to Henry and Emma Sophia (Pottberg) Albrecht on Aug. 2, 1922, in Osborne County, Kan. The Albrecht family moved to the Animas Valley on April 15, 1924.

He enlisted in the Navy on Sept. 3, 1942, and served in World War II. He was discharged March 10, 1946. Mr. Albrecht was recalled from inactive duty during the Korean War, serving from April 15, 1951, to March 28, 1952, when he was discharged with the rank of petty officer.

In the late 1940s, he married Anna Marie Hahn in Durango. The marriage ended in divorce in 1976.

Mr. Albrecht worked as a truck driver in the oil fields for El Paso Gas Co., which later became Pittsburgh Gas Co.

In the late 1970s, he married Betty Gale Hogan. The marriage later ended in divorce.

Mr. Albrecht attended the Lutheran Church in Farmington. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4031.

"He was a man of faith who loved God and all of God's creation," his family said, "and who cherished his children and grandchildren and their families. He enjoyed the mountains, streams, trees and wildflowers of Colorado and spent his time exploring the many country roads and trails found in this area."

Mr. Albrecht is survived by his children, A. Kent Albrecht of Durango, Myron David Albrecht of Providence, R.I., Susan Marie Boeck of Platteville and Stephen Greg Albrecht of Christoval, Texas; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011; at Hermosa Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to La Plata County 4-H, 2500 Main Ave., Durango, CO 81301.