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Ora Clark Vernon, 87

Ora Clark Vernon, 87, died at his home in Boise, Idaho Nov. 15, 2003.

He was born in Burlington, Colorado on Aug. 25, 1916 to Rufus and Nora Vernon.

He spent many of his younger years in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and joined B Battery 148th Field Artillery of the Idaho National Guard along with many of his friends in 1940.

While still in training at Fort Lewis, Wash., he married Bernice Whitbeck of Bonners Ferry, Idaho on April 13, 1941. His unit was deployed to the South Pacific in November of that year, and he served in Australia and New Guinea until his discharge.

Ora farmed in District 7 for a while and attended Kinman Business University in Spokane, Wash.

He had a career with the U.S. Forest Service working in

north Idaho and western Montana as a dispatcher, fire control officer and purchasing agent.

He retired from the district office in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Ora and Bernice moved to Boise, Idaho to spend their retirement years closer to their children.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Bernice, and five sons: Ken of Boise, Id., Rick and Tim of Spokane, Wash., Roger of Vancouver, Wash. and Frank of Post Falls, Id. He is also survived by his sister, Naomi McDonald of Spokane, Wash. and his 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins, some of whom still reside in the Bonners Ferry area.

A private memorial was held in Boise, Id. Nov. 22, 2003, and his burial will be at Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry.