



Elmer LaBarge, served in Marines in World War II

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LEEDS - Elmer L. LaBarge, 86, of Ontario, Canada, died peacefully at home on April 26, 2010, surrounded by family.

He was born Nov. 26, 1923, in Leeds to the late Cyrius J. LaBarge of Wotton, Quebec, Canada and Marguerite Ryan of Williamsburg. Elmer served in combat in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from 1942 through 1944, earning the rank of sergeant. Major battles included Bougainville in November of 1943 and Peleliu in September of 1944. He later received a commission as second lieutenant.

After the USMC, Elmer returned to Northampton to complete high school courses. He continued his education at Norwich University in Vermont, graduating with a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering. Elmer lived in Ohio for a few years before moving to California, where he worked at Aerojet in Azusa, Calif., as manager of safety engineering until his retirement in 1989.

Elmer was predeceased by his sisters, Edith Melnik, Virginia Burrows, Lorraine Ryan, Kathleen LaBarge, and his brother John LaBarge. His surviving siblings are Dorothy Newman and Richard LaBarge.

He is survived by his wife, Claralou; his children, Lorelei, Aaron, Joshua, Caleb, and Sara; and nine grandchildren, Adam, Isaac, Elliot, Nathaniel, Taylor, Tess, Ian, Zoe and Evangeline.

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