

Bernard "Ben" Bidart

Bernard "Ben" Bidart, a resident of the Chino Valley since 1938, died on Jan. 1 at the Christian Heritage Care Center in Upland of Alzheimer's disease. He was 89.

Mr. Bidart was born Nov. 12, 1910, in Ibarla, France.

He emigrated to Los Angeles in 1930 and worked as a milker until 1938, when he established a dairy farm in Chino.

He met his wife, Lucie Marie Lassa, in 1934. They married on Dec. 6, 1941.

Mr. Bidart was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Chino and a charter member of the Southern California Basque Club.

Survivors include two sons, Bernard M. Bidart and Michael J. Bidart; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucie, who died from breast cancer in 1970.

A rosary was recited on Wednesday at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and requiem Mass on Thursday.

Pierce Bros. Griffith Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests that contributions be sent in his name to the American Cancer Society, 685 N. 13th Ave., Suite 7, Upland, 91786, or the Alzheimer's Association, 1280 E. Cooley Drive, Suite 12, Colton, CA 92324.

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