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Robert Eugene Bowley

Robert Eugene Bowley, a 26 year resident of Orange County, died Friday, October 21, 2005 at age 71 of a massive heart attack as he was visiting a heart specialist. As he was being prepared for tests, he went into a seizure. An ambulance was called and was taken across the street to the Western Medical Center of Orange County in Santa Ana, California where he died in the ER after over an hour of trying to save his life.

He was born the third of nine children to Ralph Wesley and Louise Wilson Bowley on September 5, 1934 in Kokomo, Indiana. He had lived in California for over 50 years. A machinist by trade, he worked for his brother Don for the past 17 years at Hager Mfg. in LaMirada, CA, in Orange County.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Gale Groot. This past May 27th they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Two daughters, Debbi Gale Groot, 49, of San Diego, CA and Marsha Ann 47 and her husband Rob Bates of Buena Park, CA, Orange County, and a son Robert Jr. 45 and his wife Joyce Sybil Pelton of Granite Falls, Washington, Snohomish County; 5 grand-children and 7 great-grandchildren; two brothers Donald Lee and his wife Patricia Mercer Hallenbeck, Yorba Linda, CA, Orange County; and Lawerence Edward his wife Judith Annette Loveless of Smith, Nevada; 2 sisters Anita Marie her husband Mearl Hodges of Russiaville, Indiana, Howard County, and Marcia Ellen Santoyo of Anaheim, CA, Orange County and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, James Raymond, John Leroy, Max Wayne, and a sister, Judy Maxine Buffum.

Arrangements were made thru the Neptune Society of Santa Ana, and on December 23, 2005, his ashes were scattered in the Santa Ana Cemetery in the Rose Garden at 1919 E. Santa Clara Ave., Santa Ana, California.