

## *Herbert Eiso, 96*

Herbert E. Eiso, 96, Inland Valley area, Calif., died Monday, July 16, 2007 at Cypress Gardens Convalescent Home, Riverside, Calif.

Herbert E. Eiso was born in 1911 in Estonia, Northern Europe, where he grew up on his family's farm, with five older brothers and one sister. After completing high school, he served in the Estonian military and subsequently joined the police force, while completing his university education at Tartu Täiskasvanute Gümnaasium (1937-39).

Estonia was caught in the conflict of WWII in 1940, as the German and Soviet Union forces fought for control of the area. In the Fall of 1944, the Soviet Union occupied Estonia and declared it a Soviet state. As a result, Herbert's family suffered loss and separation. Members of his family were executed or sent to Siberian labor camps. He was able to escape to Germany, where he lived in a displaced person's camp, until he was able to immigrate to the United States in 1949.

He settled in the Inland Valley area of California, and worked on a farm and then in several metal manufacturing plants. For 16 years, he worked as an electrician, until he retired in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Florence (Rix, Kimble) Eiso, Riverside, Calif.