



Robert Joe Thomas

March 6, 1927 - December 7, 2015

Robert Joe Thomas, 88, of Ozark, Arkansas, died Monday, December 7, 2015 in Ozark. He was a retired Math Instructor at Cass Conservation Center; he coached at Panama and Poteau High Schools and officiated nineteen years in both high school and college athletics and played football at Northeastern State University. He was a member of West Park Baptist Church in Ozark; past president of both the Arkansas State and the Ozarka Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles and served in the US Navy during WWII on the USS Bearss. He was born March 6, 1927 in Panama, Oklahoma to John Everette and Adelia Holycross Thomas. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, wife Norma Holt Thomas, a daughter Brenda Thomas Brown, and son-in-law Charles "Bill" Brown. He is survived by his fiancée Joyce Kenney of Ozark; a son John Thomas and wife Debbie of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a sister Lorane Dickinson and husband Robert of Spiro, Oklahoma; a brother, Verle Thomas and wife June of Manteca, California; three grandchildren: Tracie Nichols and husband Matt of Knoxville, Arkansas, Joni Shaw and husband Terry of Healdton, Oklahoma, and Gabriel Thomas of California; and five great grandchildren: Nicholas Coffron, Shawn and Victoria Nichols, and Tyler and Trey Shaw. Funeral service with military honors will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, December 11, 2015 at Fort Smith National Cemetery with Reverend Troy Vaughn officiating under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark. Honorary pallbearers are Matt and Shawn Nichols, Nicholas Coffron, Terry, Tyler and Trey Shaw, and Gabriel Thomas. Viewing will be Thursday,

December 10th at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Ozark Senior Citizens Center or to the West Park Baptist Church in Ozark.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Joe Thomas*

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