



Thomas Wayne Townsend

April 7, 1925 - October 26, 2019

Thomas (Tom) was born to Henry and Mabel (Scharff) Townsend April 7, 1925, in HarrisRR, Kansas (near Waverly, KS). Tom came to Oregon in 1937 from Holly, Colorado settling in Myrtle Creek before moving to Lebanon in 1941. Tom was the youngest of eight children, six boys and two girls. Tom grew up in the Lebanon area, graduating from Lebanon High School in 1943. Tom joined the U. S. Navy on August 16, 1943, in Albany, OR. He served as a Seaman First Class FCO on the USS Hart, part of the Com Tac Group 19th Fleet, Tacoma Washington, PSC USNB Bremerton, Washington. He served in World War II and received the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal (7 Stars), World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal (1 Star). Tom received a Honorable Discharge from the U. S. Navy on April 19, 1946, in PSC Bremerton, Washington. Tom met his future wife Irene Rose Royer, while on a blind date with her sister, Louella, and Tom's brother, Orville. Tom and Irene were married in Vancouver, Washington by Rev. Roy B. Parcel on May 24, 1946. Tom has four children, Larry, Diana, Randy, and Rickey; five grandchildren, Stoney, Micah (deceased), Kimberly, Jason, and Michelle; two great-grandchildren Mackenzie and Maisie; and one great-great grandchild Kai. Tom was preceded in death by his wife Irene of 54 years whom passed in 2000 and his grandson Micah in 2005. Tom was an avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman, preferring to be outside in the great outdoors and all it had to offer. His primary vocation was a logger although he had also worked for a short while as a Service Station Manager and Mill Worker. He built his own home in the early 70's, from the ground up and enjoyed living there with his wife of 54 years. Tom was well loved and will be missed by all of his family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lebanon American Legion on December 14, 2019, starting at 11:30. In lieu of flowers, please donate to an Alzheimer charity of your choice or your favorite charity in support of our Veterans.

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