



Thomas Leslie Rainwater, Sr.

Thomas Leslie Rainwater, age 84 of Battle Creek died on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at Battle Creek Health Systems following a lengthy illness. Tom was born on April 17, 1920 in Lincoln, Arkansas, the son of Henry and Georgia (Ross) Rainwater. He recently moved to the Battle Creek area to be with his family after residing in Michigan, Arkansas, California and Arizona.



Tom was a United States Navy Veteran of World War 2. He served aboard A PT Boat in the Asiatic-Pacific Thertre. When he returned to the States after the war, he became a sheet metal fabricator working at various companies and finally retiring in 1985 from the Nevada Test Site in Mercury, Nevada.

Tom had his pilot's license and loved to fly. He also enjoyed golf and bowling. He was a former member of the Woodlake (CA) Lions Club and was a City Councilman for Woodlake.

Surviving are two daughters: Cheryl D. McCage and Ann J. Douglas; two sons: Robert J. (Sharon) Rainwater and Thomas L. Rainwater, Jr., all of Battle Creek; 16 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren and a sister: Barbara J. (Bill) Spoonmore of AZ. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Howard, Alford and Floyd and a sister: Bessie Mae Taets.

At the request of the family, friends may call on Friday, March 18th from Noon until 1:00 PM at the Farley, Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Ft. Custer Honor Guard on Friday, March 18th at 1:30 PM at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI. Interment will follow the graveside services.