

Obituary for Alton W. Thomas

1925 - 1/3/2012

ALTON W. THOMAS, 87, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. Born at home in Farmville, N.C. where he grew up and then attended North Carolina State. His college education was interrupted by World War II. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a bombardier. After the war, he resumed his studies at North Carolina State and graduated with a Bachelor of Science. He married Ruth Butterfield on Sept. 30, 1950. He worked for Ferro, Smith and Butterfield, and the Eckerd Corporation from which he retired in 1991. After retiring, he spent his summers in Bay View, Mich. and winters in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, Bill (Patty), Mary (Bob), Julie (Ted), and Sarah (Tim); and eight loving grandchildren. A celebration of life was held Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 and a memorial service will be held in Bay View, Mich. later this summer. Memorial gifts may be made to Bay View Association Organ Fund, Bay View, MI 49220 or Emmanuel Community Church, Fort Wayne.

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