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B.F. Thigpen, 82, of Amarillo died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Memorial Chapel, Fifth Avenue and Pierce Street, with Dr. Jim Garrett, of Polk Street United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Thigpen attended school in Graham and came to Amarillo after graduation from high school.

He entered military service in 1941 and returned to Amarillo in 1945.

He married Colleen Coble on Aug. 9, 1946, in Amarillo. He went to work for Amarillo Gas Co. in 1946 where he worked his entire career until he retired as a vice president of Pioneer Nuclear Energy in 1979.

He was a member of South Amarillo Kiwanis Club and delivered Meals on Wheels. He was a member of Polk Street United Methodist Church. He was an usher and drove a church van.

He was a board member and committee member. He was also a member of the 50/50 Sunday School Class. For many years he was active as a Boy Scouts of America leader and board member in Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Thomas and Mary Nancy Thigpen; three brothers; a grandson, Kyle Pace; and a granddaughter, Aimee Pace.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Royse Thigpen and wife, Marti, of Dallas; two daughters, Sharon Kay Pace and husband, John, and Carol Cobb and husband, Ken, all of Amarillo; a sister, Mary Lou Thornton of New Braunfels; two sisters-in-law, Zelma Thigpen of Norman, Okla., and Alice P. Christiansen of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Matt Thigpen and wife, Kristie, of San Antonio, Holly Thigpen of Dallas, Jason Pace, Ryan Pace and wife, Angela, Keith Pace, Andy Cobb and Randy Cobb, all of Amarillo; and two great-grandchildren, Jasmine Pace and Kyler Pace, both of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be to Polk Street United Methodist Church Music Ministry.