

NO PHOTO Thomas, Norman

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Funeral services for Norman Thomas, 84-year-old rural Fort Supply resident, will be Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Fort Supply Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Steenberg will officiate. Interment will be in the Fargo Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service.

Norman L. Thomas was born May 28, 1922 at Sand Creek near Jet, Okla., to Hervey (Herb) and Phillipine Florence (Arnold) Thomas. He grew up in the Fargo area where he was nicknamed "Toad" and attended the Pleasant View School and later the Fargo School. On Oct. 3, 1942 he was married to Detta Fae Wisner at the Baptist Parsonage in Woodward with the Rev. Earl Stark officiating. He was a devoted husband to Detta and they had celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2002. Norman was called into military service and Detta followed him on stateside assignments until he was shipped overseas. Norman served in the medical corps of the U. S. Army in the Philippines and Okinawa, receiving two bronze stars. After the war, Norman and Detta began farming and ranching and raised their five children. He also had enjoyed working for over 20 years at the Woodward Livestock Auction.

Norman had been an active member of the Fairview Baptist Church where he had served as treasurer. He had served on the Fort Supply School Board in the late 1960's and was an Honorary Chapter Farmer with the FFA. He enjoyed fishing, visiting with friends, being a prankster and especially teasing his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a "Chevrolet only" man and an avid John Deere collector.

Mr. Thomas died Feb. 2, 2007 at the Woodward Regional Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2003, his parents; a son-in-law Bill Wingo; four brothers, Arley, Melvin, Orville and Delbert; and a sister, Florence Wilcoxson.

He is survived by two sons and their wives; N. L. and Lee Ann Thomas and Bob and Judy Thomas, all of Fort Supply; three daughters, Karen Woodward and her husband Walter "Woody" of Lawton, Okla., Carolyn Thornton and her husband Larry of Woodward and Katie Wingo of Fort Supply; nine grandchildren, Denice Thomas of Belle Plaine, Kan., Janet Myers and husband Jack of Jacksonville, Fla., Michael Thomas of Oklahoma City, Rebecca Allen and husband Mark of Morris, Okla., Rodney Thomas of Bartlesville, Okla., Ryan Thomas of Blackwell, Okla., Chris Thornton of Woodward, Kim Thornton of Woodward and Shelly Johnson and husband Eric of Woodward; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Cleo Jahay of Hazelton, Kan., and Fay Ella Woods of Woodward; a brother, Floyd Thomas of Attica, Kan.; a special sister-in-law Lucille Champ; other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.