



Beeghly, Paul Thomas

Paul Thomas Beeghly, known as "Tom," was born in 1922, in Youngstown, Ohio. He passed away on February 5, 2016. He was one of seven children of Leon A. and Mabel Snyder Beeghly.

He attended Ohio Wesleyan University before and after his service in World War II. There he met Mary Grinton of Shaker Heights, Ohio. They married in 1948 and moved immediately to California. This union brought six children: Ann, Marjorie (Glenn), Robert (Vicki), Barbara (Robert), Thomas (Kristine), and Andy (Kathy), and as time went by, 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The Beeghly's have been residents of Santa Ana for over 61 years. Their children attended Santiago, Willard, and Santa Ana High Schools. They were a church-going family, active members of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Ana.

During WWII, Tom served with the 96th Infantry Division, which fought through the Leyte Island battles (Philippines) and the war-ending battles across the island of Okinawa.

Following WWII, Tom was fortunate to help start and lead two companies, National Chloride Company of America (1950) and International Carbonic (1952), both still in operation. He served both companies for over 50 years. He also started Liberty Manufacturing Inc. located in south Texas in 1988. Later he helped reorganize Control Beverage in Ohio, which was later merged into International Carbonic. He also served as CEO in the reorganized Standard Industrial Minerals located at Bishop, CA

Mary passed away in 2007.

His hobbies were family whiffleball games in the backyard, golf, TV westerns, story writing, song writing, and church choir.

In 2011, Tom married Mille L. Shuler and they had five happy years together. She kept him laughing and enjoying life. A Celebration of Life will be held for Tom Beeghly on Saturday, February 20, 2016, 4:00 PM at the Santa Ana United Methodist Church, 609 N. Spurgeon Street in Santa Ana, CA.