

BURTON, DOUG

C Co. 382nd Infantry

July 6, 1926 - March 25, 2016

Doug Burton never met a stranger. A lifelong resident of Selma, CA, Doug enlisted in the United States Army after graduation from Selma High School, and served in World War II, in the 96th Infantry Division, which remained a lifelong passion.

He met the love of his life, Thelma, while both were studying for their degrees at Fresno State College. They lived and worked in Oakland before purchasing their beloved "Thelma's Vineyard" and returned to Selma to raise their three daughters. In addition to the ranch, Doug worked at the USDA until retiring to farming full time. Long active in the Selma Masonic Lodge, Shriners, and Scottish Rite;

Doug loved life. Doug is survived by his wife of 64 years, Thelma Burton; his daughters, Pamela Miller and her husband Tim; Priscilla Burton; and Kim Schutz and her husband Monte; four grandchildren, Rebecca Hanshaw and her husband Scott, Scot Miller, Justin Schutz and Robert Schutz; and two great grandchildren, Connor and Mason Hanshaw. Doug is also survived by his brother, Stanley R. Burton.

A Celebration of Doug's Life with a service will be held at Farewell Page Funeral Chapel in Selma, CA, on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Remembrances may be made to Shriners' Hospital; or the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.