



Thomas H. Blankenship

Thomas H. Blankenship passed away on February 22, 2009 at home in Redding at 94 years old. He was born December 13, 1914 in Cranberry, NC. He came to California in 1932 and joined the CCC's and was assigned to Big Springs, CA CCC camp. He was hired by USFS in 1937 in Fall River Mills and retired in 1972 as a communications technician.

He married Mary Parker in 1937. They were married for 62 years before she passed away in 2000.

He loved duck hunting at Tule Lake, deer hunting East of Mt. Shasta. His hobbies included ham radio, golfing, bowling, gold planning and traveling. He and Mary traveled the United States by car and trailer, visited Canada and made two trips to England and Scotland with family.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 59 years at Mt. Shasta and Western Star #2 at Old Shasta and served as Grand Master.

He is survived by four children Mary Jean Blankenship of Redding, Carol Ann Harris and husband Parks of Shasta Lake, Thomas Blankenship and wife Sondra of Rockdale, IL and Donna Clark and husband Andrew of Santa Rosa and eight grandchildren, 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

Viewing will be held at McDonalds Chapel on February 28, 2009 at 11 a.m. with services following at 11:30 a.m.

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