

Thomas Earl Mills, 85

Thomas Earl Mills, 85, of Guernsey, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at the Brookhaven Care Center in Brooklyn.

There are no services scheduled.

Tom was born on Aug. 27, 1926, in Lockwood, Mo., to Elmer and Helen Morrison Mills. He was raised in Lockwood and graduated from Lockwood High School in 1944.

After high school, Tom entered the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S. General George M. Randall in the South Pacific as apprentice seaman and was discharged as a 3rd class baker in 1947. Following the service, he moved to southern California and worked for Southern California Edison as an accountant supervisor for 36½ years.

Tom was united in marriage to Anna Marie Evans on Nov. 20, 1975 in Las Vegas, Nev. After their retirement, the couple moved to Oregon where they lived for the next 14 years before moving to Iowa in 1999. Tom was an avid bowler and participated in two senior leagues and also on a travelers bowling club. He enjoyed wood carving of wildlife, but was most proud of carving out his own hand. He also enjoyed making his own wine.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Mills, of Guernsey; his children, Betsy Lynne (John) Randolph of Medford, Ore., and Mark Allen of Monrovia, Calif.; his step children, Kevin (Sherri) Irwin of Story City and Deborah Sue (Michael) Govero Cox of Visalia, Calif.; grandchildren, Melissa (Dave) Miller, Martin (Wilma) Mills, Bryan Obando, Daniel (Kerri) Navvaro, and Nicole (Joel) Piller; step-grandchildren, Meghan Cox, Caitlyn Cox, Christopher Irwin, and Kevin Irwin, Jr.; his seven great-grandchildren; and one step great-grand child.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Eugene and Elmer Jr. Mills; his son, Thomas Mills; and his daughter, Lora Lee Mills; and one step-son, Richard Irwin.

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