

BYRON G. THOMAS

Mr. Byron G. Thomas, 91, of 908 Second Plaza, Panama City, died Friday, Jan. 6, 1984. Mr. Thomas had been a resident of Panama City since 1977, moving from Tucson, Ariz. He was born in Tombstone, Ariz., and was the son of Charles Nash Thomas, the fifth mayor of Tombstone. Thomas attended school in Bisbee, Ariz., and served in both World Wars as a chief aviation machinist. He lived in Long Beach, Calif., and retired in 1960 from the city recreation department with 32 years in the field of police and recreation work. Mr. Thomas served as a volunteer at the Senior Center for the Council on Aging since 1977. He delivered meals to homebound elderly people and served other clients at the site. He also transported other elderly people in his last years at the center. He often said, "No one should go alone in the world. There are too many lonely elderly that can share smiles and tears with each other, just bring them together in friendship." Mr. Thomas is the former husband of Mrs. Helen Vorellas, of Panama City, and the widower of Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, of Tucson, Ariz. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Helen Smith, of Panama City; a brother, Robert E. Thomas, of Delhart, Texas; three grandsons, Thomas D. Smith, of Panama City, Byron H. Smith, of Pensacola, and Mark E. Smith, of Panama City Beach; and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Thomas was a life member of the Service Masonic Lodge No. 594 F&AM, in Long Beach, Calif. Masonic memorial rites will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 21, 1984 at 2 p.m. at the Acme Masonic Lodge No. 222 F&AM, 230 McKenzie Ave. The lodge will be open to all master Masons one hour prior to services. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that your gifts be given to the Senior Center, 1116 Frankford Ave., Panama City, in Mr. Thomas' appreciation for the happiness he received from the center. Mr. Thomas will be memorialized by cremation.

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