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**G**eorge Robert Thomas, 91, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. He was born October 15, 1924 in Boulder, Co. to George Henry and Irene Shreves Thomas. After graduating from San Diego High School in June of 1942, he joined at the Army Air Corp in January 1943. Upon completion of all basic training he became a B17 bomber pilot, stationed in Sudbury, England. He flew 25 documented and 2 undocumented bombing missions over Germany. He completed his overseas commitment with a mercy mission to Austria, retrieving 30 prisoners of war and returning them to France. After the service and technical school he worked for General Dynamics at the Atlas Missile Site as the Test Site Foreman. He then transferred to their Computer Operations Site until a motorcycle accident forced retirement in 1969. In September 1975 he married Verlabeth (Wills) Baldus of Grand Haven, MI. George is survived by his sister Lucimae (Stephen) Smith, Virginia, his four sons from his first marriage to Joanna Lenhart Thomas: Gregory (Liung) Thomas, California, Randall (Rebecca) Thomas, Michigan, Jeffrey (Carol) Thomas, Washington and Corwyn (Marilyn) Thomas, Washington. He is also survived by his five stepchildren, Kevin (Patti) Baldus, Michigan, Jode (Don) Taylor, Michigan, Hunter (Matt Rivas) Baldus, California, Lori (Guy) Phipps, Florida, Dion (Rachel) Baldus, Colorado. George will also be sadly missed by his 16 Grandchildren, 23 Great-Grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at Lakeshore Baptist Church in Grand Haven on June 25, 2016. Visitation at 4:00 p.m. followed by a 5:00 p.m. service. Memorial donations may be made in George's name to the Lakeshore Baptist Church Missions Fund or the Grand Haven American Legion Post 28, for Veterans Assistance Fund.



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