



Paul E. Thornbury

January 16, 1921 - November 30, 2014

Paul E Thornbury 93 of Visalia California passed away on Sunday November 30, 2014.

Paul was born in Louisburg Missouri on January 6, 1921 to Percy and Virginia Thornbury.

In 1928 the family moved to the Visalia area where he attended Union School and then went on to graduate from Visalia High School in 1939. While in high school he would meet the love of his life Mary Brown, who he would marry in January 1942.

After high school he and his cousin Wendel moved to Southern California and went to work at Lockheed Aircraft, building the P38 Lighting fighter for the Army Air Force.

He would later enlist in the Army Air Force and was discharged in 1945. He and his wife Mary and their son Dennis who was born in 1944 would move back to Visalia where he would go to work for his uncle who owned a hardware store and started building a house with the help of his Dad for his family on the family farm. He would live in that house until the time of his death. In 1961 he went to work for The County of Tulare as a lake patrolman and later became the supervisor at Lake Kaweah retiring after 20 years, during this time he was also a full time walnut grower. He loved working on the

farm and building things, he helped his son build a home as his dad had done with him.

He was an avid race fan, 49er fan and enjoyed traveling around the U.S. with his son to rifle matches where he was affectionately known as Pop.

Paul is survived by his son Dennis Thornbury of Visalia, 1 granddaughter Tammy Denchfield (Chuck) of Atascadero, Ca. 1 brother Charles Thornbury of Fresno, 1 sister Marilyn Swanson (Tom) of Visalia and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary of 68 years, father Percy, mother Virginia, step mother Bernice, sisters Sharon Thornbury, Madeline Leikam and her husband John, and his beloved little dog Buffy.

Graveside services will be held at 1 pm on Monday December 8, 2014 at the Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W. Goshen Avenue in Visalia, Ca.
In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My Condolences goes out to the family of Paul who I've been able to work with off and on since 1982 as a Walnut harvest helper. May God bless you and your family. Sincerely Thomas Duran*

Thomas Duran - December 08, 2014 at 12:38 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss Dennis. I know your Dad will be a shining star in heaven watching all the planes fly by.... Rick & Jami Bean*

Jami - December 05, 2014 at 05:13 PM