



## Thomas Theodore Lanman

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Thomas Theodore Lanman of Albany passed away Aug. 7, 2015, in Albany.

He was born Oct. 27, 1918, in Seattle, Washington to Thomas and Jessie (Harthorn) Lanman. A member of the “greatest generation,” Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in January 1942. He served with the 12th Air Force in Algeria and the Mediterranean Allied Air Force in Italy. While in Italy he met his future wife, Edna Phillips of Raymondville, Texas, who was serving with the Women’s Army Corps. They were married at Fort Lawton, Washington, in 1948. During the Korean War he was assigned to duty in Tokyo. He left active duty in 1954 to work for the Department of Defense. He continued serving in the Army reserve, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. After his retirement from government service he and his family moved to the southern Oregon community of Tiller. While there he helped organize their first volunteer fire department and spent part of each summer cooking for Village Missions youth camps. Later he and Edna moved to the mid-valley and Tom enjoyed volunteering with Fish, Meals on Wheels and Dial-A-Ride.

Tom was a member of the Order of DeMolay for over 70 year and the recipient of the honorary degrees of Chevalier and Legion of Honor. He was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity for over 60 years along with several

appendant bodies and orders. He and Edna were honored as Veterans of the Year in the 2011 Albany Veteran's Day Parade.

He is survived by his wife, Edna of 67 years; daughter Lisa and husband Dale Burrows of Albany; son Marc and wife Deanna Lanman of Springfield; five granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

At his request there will be no service. Memorials may be made to the Shiners Hospitals for Children or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation