

Thomas B. Black

Aug. 17, 1914 — March 16, 1988

Thomas B. Black of 3705 N.E. 188th St., Seattle, Wash., died of a stroke March 16. He was 73.

He was born Aug. 17, 1914, in Grand Junction, to Walter and Katherine M. Allen Black. He spent his childhood at Kannah Creek and Whitewater and attended Purdy Mesa School. He later graduated from Grand Junction High School. Mr. Black received a bachelor's degree at the University of Washington in Seattle.

He married Marian Farmer on Aug. 25, 1941, in Honolulu. Mrs. Black survives.

They moved to Seattle 31 years ago.

Mr. Black joined the U.S. Army in 1932. In 1934, he began his service with the U.S. Navy, retiring as a medical chief warrant officer in 1960. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack, Dec. 7, 1941. He was assigned to the USS Chicago with his brother, Crafts, when the ship was sunk during World War II off Guadalcanal at Iron Bottom Bay.

He taught in junior and senior high schools in Seattle for 10 years before becoming a commercial fisherman in Alaska for seven years.

He was a member of the Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Retired Officers Association and the Kiwanis, and was named an honorary lifetime member of the Parent Teacher Association.

Other survivors include a son, Bill of Deming, Wash.; two daughters, Kathy Shoemaker of Arlington, Wash., and Shirley Zuanich of Bellingham, Wash.; a brother, W. Crafts of Whitewater; three sisters, Winifred K. Raber of Palsade, Anita L. Clark of Whitewater and Wanda M. Sanders of Garden Grove, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Cremation took place in Seattle. A graveside memorial service will be at a later day at Whitewater Cemetery.

Obituary for Thomas B. Black



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