



## Larry Thomas

November 4, 1934 - February 26, 2008

Graveside Services for Larry Thomas, 73, will be held Thursday at 2:00 pm at South Park Cemetery with Vista Care Hospice Chaplain Cecil Kimberlin and military honors will be provided by United States Navy Honor Guard. Larry passed away surrounded by the love of his family on Tuesday morning at his home.

Larry was born on November 4, 1934 in Peoria, Ill. to Ralph and Bernice Thomas. He was united in marriage to Betty Slocum on May 25 1957 in Seabrook, New Hampshire. She preceded him in death on August 5, 2002. Larry served in the United States Navy during Korea and Vietnam. After retiring from the Navy after thirty-five years of faithful services, they moved to Roswell in 1984 from San Diego, CA.

Larry is survived by four children, Ruth Wells of NM, Karen Reber of Roswell, Joe Thomas of CO, and David Thomas of San Diego, CA; seven grandchildren Scott Wells, Kyle King, Derek, Brandon and Rachel Reber and Cheyenne and Rhiannon Thomas; one great granddaughter Jadeya Reber; six siblings Ginger Loveridge of AZ, Joanne Bushley of AR, Mary Bearce of CO, Margie Edmond of AZ, Riley Thomas of TX and Peggy Miller of NM.

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Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Thomas*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *My condolences. I remember seeing him walking around the Ogden with his hat always cocked to the side. Gone to soon.*

**David Jenkins** - May 12, 2012 at 10:44 PM



“ *I am proud to have known and served with Chief Thomas on board the USS Ogden. He was a good man and mentor. My heart goes out to his family.*

**stephen kaplan** - March 14, 2009 at 12:08 PM



“ *Chief Thomas, thank you for all you did for us aboard USS OGDEN. You were the best gunnersmate that ever served. Admiral Bulkeley inspected your guns and said they were "the best guns I've ever seen in the Navy." High praise from him, a Medal of Honor winner in World War II. It was a privilege and an honor to serve with you as gunnery officer, and to learn so much from your dedication to your men, the mission, the OGDEN and the Navy. BZ, Chief. Fair winds and following seas, shipmate.*

**John Lloyd** - October 12, 2008 at 07:50 PM



“ *i am so sorry for the lose of this man he was a great person*

**paul lorgeree** - March 04, 2008 at 03:36 PM

JL

“ So Sorry about your loss. Both Betty and Larry were wonderful friends to me. I will always remember Larry always calling me "Mrs. Lambert, my neighbor..."  
He will be missed. Again, my sympathy. Jan

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**Jan Lambert** - March 02, 2008 at 05:35 PM

RB

“ Our deepest sympathies on the loss of Gramps. I know that he is happy to be with Ms. Betty again. The boys will really miss him and his nick names for them.

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**Robert Sylvia Robbie Roland and Amanda Bingham** - February 28, 2008 at 11:35 AM

YH

“ I will miss seeing Mr. Thomas' face at The Medicine Shop. He was such a sweet and wonderful man. May you find comfort in the memories of time spent together.

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**Yvonne Harris** - February 27, 2008 at 09:24 PM

TT

“ Gramps, You will be missed. I hope you get everything you want & deserve in your afterlife! Love Always, The Pretty Little Payne Girl From Bean Town.

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**Trisha Treadwell** - February 27, 2008 at 07:03 PM