



## George J. Thomas

March 31, 1921 - February 25, 2017

### THOMAS

George J. Thomas, 95, of San Antonio, passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2017. He was born on March 31, 1921 in Port Arthur to the late Tufic Thomas and Frocena Sharbel Thomas. His mother died when he was only four years old and he was raised by his father and maternal grandmother, Sharifi "Siti" Sharbel.

George was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, sister Adma McCants, and brother Joseph H. Thomas. He is survived by his wife of over 71 years, Leana B. Thomas, son Rick G. Thomas, son Randall J. Thomas and his wife Melissa, and granddaughters Abigail Thomas and Kathleen Sylvest and her husband Willis Sylvest; sister in law, Lou Thomas, and numerous nieces and nephews He was a loving husband, devoted father, and proud grandfather.

George enlisted in the army during WWII and flew several missions over Japan out of Saipan as a bombardier-navigator on B-29 aircraft. He returned to Selman Army Airfield (now Monroe Regional Airport) in Monroe, Louisiana for additional training where he met his future wife. They were married on July 26, 1945.

After WWII, he completed his education at Southern Methodist University and Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. George and Leana moved to San Antonio in 1950. George worked for more than 20 years as a medical illustrator at Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston.

A graveside service will be held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 11:15 AM on Monday, March 13, 2017. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the National World War II Memorial Museum, 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ To you George..my mother introduced me to you when I was about 11 years old. She adored you as a friend and someone who had her shoulder. My memories of you are many and your kindness and considerations are forever placed in my heart. I still possess a copy of your graphic illustrations, left by my mom..you were a real friend to me and my mother always had huge respect and strings attached to your heart...I know why...the limited time we shared was very special. In this time of the Viet Nam era, you had a soothing grace that lent to comfort. I miss and love you...sleep peacefully, but if I know you, you're drawing a beautiful dream....

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**James Tauch** - June 15, 2025 at 12:08 AM

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“ Dear Lyn, Ricky and Randy,



*This is Connie Cox Cunningham....My parents, Bill & Cindy Cox, were great friends of your Family when my dad was stationed at BAMC in the 1954-1957. I am the oldest of their 4 children...Connie, Patti, Bob & Janet. I have very fond memories of visiting your home, close to Ft Sam and enjoying the laughter of our mothers as they chatted and watched us play. I also remember the time that either Ricky or Randy was hit accidentally in the head w/ a Milk Bottle?? My brother, Bobby, may have been the one swinging it...he was about 3 or 4 yrs old at the time. The cut bled profusely, but our Moms stayed calm, applied pressure to the wound and got you to the Hospital for stitches. Do you recall that? I'm certain your Mother does!!*

*Your Dad was a wonderful artist....he drew a very witty and funny Cartoon-type tribute for my dad when we left BAMC for Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. My parents treasured his art and the friendship w/ your entire family!! That picture travelled with us every assignment in the Army and was proudly displayed in our homes in Maryland, San Francisco (Presidio), San Antonio (back to BAMC in 1965) and after my dad retired from Army and moved to Corpus Christi, TX in 1973. It was a treasured reminder of the fine friends they loved spending time with at BAMC.*

*My dad, Bill Cox, died in 2010 and my mom, Cindy, in 2011, both in Corpus Christi, TX.*

*My sincere condolences to your family....Please find comfort in the care of friends and joy in the memories of your dad. He was one of a kind, as I recall fondly.... You know what a treasure your mother is!! I would love to visit with her!!*

*I hope you are well. I hope to make the Service at Ft. Sam on*

*Monday...I believe that we "Spring Forward" in time on Sunday, 3/12/2017!!*

*Sincerely,*

*Connie Cox Cunningham  
210-367-2919 (cell)*

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**Connie Cox Cunningham** - March 08, 2017 at 12:18 PM

LL

“ *It was my honor to meet you and Leana when we moved into the Forum. Blessings to both of you and your family.*

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**louise lund** - March 06, 2017 at 11:52 PM

CG

“ *I'm so sorry for ur loss  
I took care of him and his wife at the Fourm  
I took them down to dinner and back to there  
room but be for that we had to stop at the  
library he wanted to look at the books to see if  
there was something new to read ,  
And bingo the loved bingo.*

*He will be missed I will keep mrs. Lynn in my prayers and the rest of  
the family*

*God bless uall in this time of grief*

*Crystal Galan*

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**Crystal Galan** - March 05, 2017 at 10:01 AM



LG

“ So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man, he left you a lifetime of memories  
Prayers and hugs

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**Linda Gaspard** - March 01, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - March 01, 2017 at 11:28 AM

HM

*i only knew george for a couple of years, but that was long enough to know what a true friend he was to so many people he has left a hole in the hearts of so many people may GOD bless the family during their time of sorrow*

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**harold morgan** - March 06, 2017 at 02:40 PM