



## Mr. Thomas W. Everson

August 18, 1931 - November 2, 2011

Thomas Everson, resident of Santa Barbara, passed away after a short illness on November 2, 2011. He was 80 years old.

Tom was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 18, 1931 and grew up in Scottville, Michigan. He was drafted into the Marine Corps in 1951, was stationed on Mount Fuji in Japan and then California where he met his future wife, Doreen Pilkington. They were married in March 1954 and made their home in Los Angeles. They moved to Costa Mesa in 1959 and then to Santa Barbara in 1964. They had three children - Len, Ted, and Darla. Tom and Doreen were together for 34 years until Doreen's passing in 1988.

Tom worked for Hughes Aircraft Company for 33 years, beginning in Culver City, then transferring to Newport Beach, and eventually to Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara Research Center) in 1964 where he worked until his retirement in 1989. At SBRC he built InfraRed products such as silicon domes for IR missiles and InfraRed detectors.

Tom enjoyed taking the family on camping vacations. His hobbies included shooting (he was a life member of the Winchester Canyon Gun Club), woodworking, hi-fi audio, and fixing almost anything.

He is survived by his children Len Everson (Marlou) of Carpinteria, Ted Everson (Bridget) of Santa Barbara, and Darla Cannon (Bob) also of Santa Barbara, and six grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Pat Clark (Lora) of Baldwin, Michigan, Sisters Lorna Grassley (Wayne) of Coral, Michigan, and Cathy Vanliere of Put-In-Bay, Ohio, and several nieces and

nephews..

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 1:00 PM at the Welch-Ryce-Haider chapel in Goleta.

To leave online condolences, please visit [www.wrhsb.com](http://www.wrhsb.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Goleta

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ted, Darla, Len,

*We're so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. We remember his well from being an avid "amateur" softball team viewer. Thinking of you during this difficult time. rosalie & Matt*

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