

After 93 years and 11 months, a kind, gentle soul left his earthy home to join his Father in Heaven on June 18th, 2015. Thomas Mack Quinn was "Tom" to his navy buddies and "Mack" to everyone else. Born July 16, 1921 in Big Sandy, MT, the first son of Emmet and Alice Quinn, he was raised on the family wheat and cattle ranch southeast of Big Sandy. Mack's love of Patriotism began with Boy Scouts and he was Big Sandy's first Eagle Scout. He graduated from Montana State College in 1943 with a degree in electrical engineering. He was a proud member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and the "M" club. After college, Mack joined the navy and reached the rank of Lieutenant (jg). He served on destroyers in the Mediterranean and Asian theaters. He met his loving bride of 69 years, Dorothea Stammler, when both were members of the navy stationed in Charleston, SC. Their wedding reception (and home for several months) was the historic location of Cat Fish Row. After the war, Mack and Dordy made their home first in Pittsburg, PA and then in Atlanta, Georgia while Mack worked for Westinghouse. He was proud of working on the turbines that went into Grand Coulee Dam. When his father decided to sell the farm, Mack packed up his wife, young son, Bob, and moved back to Big Sandy to take over the place. He loved farming and was named Montana's Outstanding Young Farmer in 1955. He joined many agricultural organizations and was particularly active in Farm Bureau, serving as the State President for several years. He was also a member of the Big Sandy Rotary (a founding member), School Board (chairman many years), American Legion (State Vice-Commander), Masons, Scottish Rite and Shriners. He served on many MSU Advisory committees and loved returning to his alma mater for alumni gatherings and homecomings. He was able to attend his 70th graduation ceremony in 2013.

Mack was a member of the LDS Church and served in several callings including Branch President in Havre. Mack took up golf when he and Dordy started spending winters in Arizona. His first "hole in one" at the age of 82 was witnessed by his grandson, Trevor. He also enjoyed woodworking and lapidary and all the other amenities of an Arizona senior community and was still running a combine at the age of 89.

Mack is survived by his wife, Dordy, of Great Falls; son Bob (Ann) Quinn, Big Sandy; daughter Debby Blyth, Great Falls; grandchildren: Allison (Jerry) Taylor, Havre; Penny (Brook) Walker, Ferndale, WA; Holly (Sean) Knighton, Afton, WY; Bridgette (Andrew) Long, Big Sandy; Adam Quinn, Big Sandy; Trevor (Tara) Blyth, Missoula and 17 great-grandchildren; his brother Joe (Doris) Quinn of Spokane, WA and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Big Sandy Library, Shriners Hospital for Children or charity of choice.

In Loving Memory...

Thomas Mack Quinn

July 16, 1921 ~ June 18, 2015

93 years, 11 months, 2 days



The purpose of life is to be happy;

*to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate,
to have it make some difference that you have
lived and lived well.*



Funeral Service

Big Sandy Historical Museum

Monday, June 22, 2015 ~ 11:00am

*“May the rains fall soft
upon your fields...”*

*Presiding Bishop Andre Giles
Pianist..... Ann Quinn
Chorister..... Penny Walker
Opening Song..... “I Stand All Amazed”
Opening Prayer..... Brandon Taylor (great-grandson)
Life Sketch..... Bob Quinn (son)
“Amazing Grace”..... Granddaughters
Address..... Bishop Giles
Closing Song..... “Til We Meet Again”
Closing Prayer..... Bryce Taylor (great-grandson)*

Pallbearers - Grandsons

*Trevor Blyth * Adam Quinn * Andrew Long
Sean Knighton * Brook Walker * Jerry Taylor*

Ushers

*Seth Goodman * Caleb Kriser*

Graveside Service

Big Sandy Cemetery

*Military Honors..... Big Sandy Honor Guard
Masonic Rites..... Treasure Lodge 95, Glenn Ophus directing
Dedication of Grave..... Bob Quinn*

Reception

Big Sandy Historical Museum

