

Thomas Giffe Stephenson

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Thomas Giffe Stephenson, 92, passed away January 5, 2016 in Chesterfield, Missouri. He was born March 12, 1923 in Jay County to Giffe and Nellie Fern Wiest Stephenson. A World War II veteran, He served as a B-24 bombardier in the 8th Airforce. After the war he earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, where he met and married Joan Johnson. The couple raised two daughters while he pursued a career in the oil and gas industry, first at El Paso Natural Gas Company in Texas and later at Mississippi River Transmission Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri. He and his wife, a teacher, retired in 1986. He was a member of Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church in St. Louis and Jay Lodge #87 F&AM in Portland.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years Joan, daughter Pamela Stephenson Johnson of Venice, Florida, five grandchildren Dr. Giffe Thomas Johnson of Tampa, Florida, U.S. Army Capt. Wallace Malcolm Graham of Ft. Hood, Texas, Katherine Graham Ayers, William Thomas Graham and James Graham Jr. all of Memphis, TN., Six great grandchildren, son in law Rev. James Graham of Memphis He was preceded in death by a daughter Deborah Giffe Stephenson Graham and a sister Marjorie Stephenson Bryan.

A funeral was held in St. Louis. Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. in the Green Park Cemetery Chapel with Pastor Stan Gockel presiding. Masonic Services will be conducted by Jay Lodge #87.

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