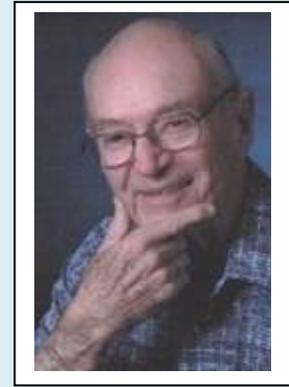


Wesley Adrian Thomas
March 15, 1923 - March 26, 2018
Resident of Lafayette, CA



Wes was an avid skier, longtime Lafayette resident, founder of W. A. Thomas Company and a wonderfully caring man and husband.

Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Wes served in the US Navy in the Pacific on the destroyer USS Frazier during World War II. After his military service, he went on to obtain a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Colorado. Several years after working in the construction business, Wes took a break from his career to follow his passion and be, in his words, a "ski bum". He spent five years skiing both as an instructor and racer in diverse places like Squaw Valley, CA and Portillo, Chile. Much of his time was spent in Squaw Valley in the early days of its development, where he skied with Emile Allais, an Olympic athlete and the founder of the ski school. After these adventures, Wes resumed his career taking a position with Peter Kiewit Sons Co. where he made his name as the superintendent of the Sacramento 29th and 30th street freeway pass-throughs.

In 1972, Wes started his own commercial construction company named W. A. Thomas Company, and constructed many public buildings. The company grew and opened other offices in Northern California and Nevada, and he eventually sold it to his employees in 1987. Wes believed that if you trusted and engaged the employees, there was no limit to your success together. The W. A. Thomas Company currently headquartered in Martinez, CA still exists today, under the same name, maintaining its open and stimulating culture.

Wes's zest for life was limitless and led him to many areas besides engineering, construction and skiing. He also loved sailing, tennis, photography, travel and music. He owned a sailboat, sailing often on San Francisco Bay, went helicopter skiing in Canada, and played piano for the Fog City Stompers. He pursued these passions with the intensity of a perfectionist, always striving to better his skill and knowledge of the activity.

Wes was a fine man, a gentleman who cared deeply about everyone in his life while asking little in return. Wes was preceded in death by his first wife of 51 years, Virginia. His wife Edee Allison, and his brother Jack Thomas of La Jolla, California survive him.

A Memorial Service will be held 11 am on April 14th, 2018 at St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Wes's favorite charities: www.doctorswithoutborders.org; www.stjude.org; or www.nrdc.com.