

Dr. Frank L. Thomas

Dr. Frank L. Thomas, 100, of 1309 Walton Drive in College Station, died in a local nursing home on Sunday.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at College Station City Cemetery. The Rev. Bruce



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Fisher of the A&M Presbyterian Church will officiate. Visitation will be at 5 p.m. today at the Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan.

Thomas, known as "Doc" to all his friends, had lived in the Bryan-College Station area for 53 years. He was a member of the A&M Presbyterian Church of College Station and had served as a deacon.

Thomas was born in Waltham, Mass., on Oct. 16, 1887. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts, where he was a member of the QTV fraternity, in 1910.

Between 1911 and 1913, Thomas did graduate research in nursery inspection and the study of the gypsy moth. He received his Ph.D. in entomology in 1914 and joined the agriculture experiment station at Auburn University in 1915.

Thomas came to Texas A&M University in 1924 to serve as chief of the division of entomology and state entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. He traveled throughout the state to set up programs for the control of cotton insect pests and to examine colonies of queen bees with bee breeders.

In 1954, Thomas retired from Texas A&M to accept a three-year position in Lima, Peru, as Director General Conite Defensa Technica del Algodon with the Sociedad Nacional Agraria, the Independant Peruvian Cotton Growers Association.

Thomas wrote his autobiography, "My Story," when he was 91. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel Clare Thomas, in 1975, and two step children, George M. Wrenn in 1969, and Mabel Clare Smith in 1970.

Survivors include a son, Frank L. Thomas Jr. of Houston; two daughters, Edith Thomas Groves of Benicia, Calif., and Helen T. Perry of College Station; a sister, Ruby Mellen of Athol, Mass.; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Olive Wrenn of Port Lavaca and Jeanne Thomas of Houston are his daughters-in-law. Ashford Groves of Benicia, Calif., and John V. Perry Jr. of College Station are his sons-in-law.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, the family requests that donations be made to the College Station Parks and Recreation Service or to the charity of your choice.

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