

Thomas Lynch Merryweather

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CRISFIELD -- Thomas Lynch Merryweather, 85, of the Annemessex Ridge area of Crisfield, and formerly of Cambridge, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at Edward W. McCready Memorial Hospital in Crisfield.

Born in Cambridge on May 23, 1920, he was a son of the late Edgar Thomas and Myrtle Sullivan Henry Merryweather.

A graduate of Cambridge High School, Class of 1938, Mr. Merryweather was a U.S. Army Air Corps and Maryland Guard veteran who served during World War II. He was retired from the state of Maryland Department of Natural Resources and was a former business owner in Cambridge. His memberships included Christ Episcopal Church in Cambridge, Crisfield Elks Lodge 1044 and Stanley Cochrane Post 16 American Legion in Crisfield. A longstanding member of the House of Delegates, his past memberships included Cambridge Moose Lodge 1211, Cambridge Country Club, Cambridge Yacht Club and Cambridge Rescue Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Shirley A. Smith Merryweather of Crisfield; three children, E. Thomas Merryweather and his wife, Melanie, Charlotte A. Merryweather and James H. Merryweather and his wife, Debra, all of Cambridge; three stepchildren, Henry D. Duncan III and his wife, April, of Easton, Joseph C. Duncan and his wife, Vicky, of East New Market and Carol Sloan and her husband, Frederick, of Tabernacle, N.J.; one sister, Myrtle Purcell of Salisbury; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Shaw and Royal Shaw; and four sisters, Sara Rice, Mary Willey, Dorothy Hurst and Mayfield Anderson.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home in Crisfield, with an Elks memorial service to start. The Rev. Howard Travers will officiate and friends may call two hours prior to the service. Interment with military honors will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Maryland Veterans Cemetery Eastern Shore near Hurlock.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to be made to McCready Memorial Hospital, 201 Hall Highway, Crisfield, Md. 21817.

Arrangements are being handled by Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home in Crisfield.