



## Benton Thomason

March 24, 1915 - October 27, 2010

Funeral services for Benton Francis Thomason will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2010, at the Alva First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Ron Pingelton officiating. Interment will be in the Keith Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Benton Francis Thomason, son of the late Charles Benton and Margaret (Breen) Thomason, was born March 24, 1915, on the farm near Burlington and passed away October 27, 2010, at Perry, Oklahoma, at the age of 95 years, 7 months, and 3 days.

Benton graduated from Burlington High School with the class of 1932. In 1937, he graduated from Oklahoma A&M with a degree in Animal Husbandry and was recognized as an Outstanding Graduate and entered into the Hall of Fame of Graduates of Animal Husbandry. He was the Vo-ag teacher at Garber for 10 years. He received a Silver Award from the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers and a Distinguished Service Award at Southern Regional Agriculture Education Conference. He was very proud of the many accomplishments on a state and national level by his students and through their adult careers.

On July 11, 1943, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Elizabeth "Betty" Dayton. In 1955, he obtained a Masters Degree in Agriculture from Oklahoma A&M. They lived in Stillwater where he was Vocational Agriculture State Staff District Supervisor and a coordinator of the Young Farmer Program. He had served as Superintendent of the National FFA Livestock Showmanship

Contest, Livestock Superintendent of the Livestock Show, President and other officer positions of the Southern Regional Agriculture Conference. During this time he maintained a Hereford cattle herd and was a farmer and rancher with his son, Bill. They moved to Alva in 1973.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Alva where he served as Deacon. He was also a member of the American and Oklahoma Hereford Associations, the American and Oklahoma Cattlemen's Associations, the National Vocational Agriculture Supervisor's Association. He was also a member of Kiwanis Club and many other community organizations.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; and three sisters, Marcella Schupbach, Thelma Cross, and Vera Collins.

Benton is survived by two sons, Charles Thomason and wife, Janice, of North Zulch, Texas, Bill Thomason and wife, Nancy, of Perry, Oklahoma; one daughter, Nancy Giles and husband, Bob, of Monument, Colorado; and one sister Doris Armbruster of Burlington, Oklahoma.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Chad Thomason and his wife, Laurie, of Conroe, Texas, Kristy Thomason of North Zulch, Texas, Brian Thomason and his wife, Kelly, of Owasso, Oklahoma, Scott Thomason of Seattle Washington, Kevin Thomason and wife, Angela, of Cherokee, Oklahoma, Kyle Thomason and wife, Kathy, of Clarksville, Tennessee, Rodney Warren Giles of Denver, Colorado, Jennifer Janeen Samson and her husband, Adrian, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Rachel Joy Giles of Bellingham, Washington, and Thomas A. Giles of Monument; 7 great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva First Christian Church or the Oklahoma FFA Foundation.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benton Thomason*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *What a very special man Benton was. We always enjoyed talking with him and he never forgot our son, Lonnie, and would always ask about him and what he was doing now. The pictures were so great. What memories they will hold for each of you. May God give you comfort in your precious memories of Benton and Betty.*

**Max & Loleta Leslie** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We remember Mr. Thomason with such fondness. He was such a help to us many times over the years. May it help to know that many caring hearts share your sorrow. Frankie and Joyce Sebranek*

**Frankie & Joyce Sebranek** - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Thomason was a very sweet man. He lived down the hall from my mother (Merle Glasgow) at the Homestead for quite a few years. He was always so polite and friendly and she thought he was a real gentleman. I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Colleen Myers** - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are in our thoughts and prayers in the loss of such a special man. We both enjoyed visiting with Benton. May each of you be comforted by special memories.

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**Dale & Vaughna Schmidt** - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family, I was a small boy when Benton was the Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Garber, but he has always been held with the highest esteem as one of the very best if not the best Garber ever had. Benton inspired thousands of young people over his lifetime. He truly was a servant for the Lord. Blessings, Ed Long

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**Ed Long** - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Benton, We send our sincere sympathy to each and everyone of you. Steve has known Benton for many years and has wonderful memories of him from the past. We had the highest respect and admiration for him. Steve loved talking to him about numerous subjects but mainly about cattle. They could talk and talk. We truly enjoyed seeing him at his birthday reception and we know you will hold dearly those fond memories of that day. He will be missed by many but we all can say we were truly blessed to have known him. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. With loving memories, Steve & Connie Redgate

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**Steve Redgate** - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ You and your family will always be remembered in a very special way, since we were neighbors for over 30 years. Chad we&ll never forget you. God be with you all.

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**Keith and Sue Ingraham** - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM