

# Thomas Adoniram 'Tom' Palmer

*October 13, 1926 – August 28, 2011*

A funeral service for Thomas Adoniram "Tom" Palmer, 84, will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Wheatland, Wyoming with Bishop Dave Bush officiating. Interment will be at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland with military honors by the Naval Reserve Honor Guard.

Tom died Sunday, August 28, 2011 at his residence in Wheatland of natural causes.

He was born October 13, 1926 in Cheyenne, Wyoming the son of William Adoniram and Nellie Ophelia Arnella (Humes) Palmer. He grew up in Palmer Canyon, west of Wheatland. He joined the United States Navy in the fall of 1944 and retired as a Chief Petty Officer with 24 years active duty and a total of 30 years of service. He was a Diesel/Steam/Electric Engineman. He served as a Sea Bee, Submariner (diesel boats), amphibious groups, and various surface ships. During his life he worked whatever jobs were available. He worked as a sheep herder for the Diamond Ranch, pipeline worker, lineman, fast food cook, janitor, truck driver, appliance repairman, and eventually started his own upholstery business.

Tom married Wilma Mae Smith on November 5, 1949. They had five children; (2 daughters - Sheri Ann and Linda Marie and 3 sons – Thomas William, David

Alan, and James Michael). He moved back to Wheatland in November of 1969 after his retirement from active duty.

He is survived by four children, Sheri Ann Palmer of Issaquah, Washington, Thomas William Palmer of Turin Kansas, David Alan Palmer and James Michael Palmer both of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; five grandchildren, Chad Michael Kershner of Orlando Florida, Adoniram Jacob, Benjamin Kern, Cannon Lyman, and Dallin Mathew Palmer all of Highlands Ranch.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother Nellie (1939); father, W.A. (1949); wife Wilma (1995) and daughter Linda Marie (1963).

Serving as pallbearers will be Thomas William Palmer, David Alan Palmer, James Michael Palmer, Chad Michael Kershner, A.J. Palmer, and Benjamin Palmer.

Family and friends may call at the church on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

A memorial to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/> would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com).