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**Deceased: THERON R. TOMASELLO**

**Date: February 8, 1997**

Age 82, of West Palm Beach, Florida passed away February 4, 1997 after a long illness, primarily due to injuries suffered in WW II. Mr. Tomasello was born in Robinson's Point, Florida on February 17, 1914. In his early years he lived in Miami and in 1918 his family moved to Jupiter, Fla. where he attended the public schools until his senior year when he attended Palm Beach High to play baseball and basketball. Mr. Tomasello graduated from Palm Beach High in 1932. While at Palm Beach High he earned a sports scholarship to Oglethorpe College. He later played Minor League Baseball in Georgia and Florida.

Mr. Tomasello was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during WW II. He was the Captain of Company C, 377th Battalion of the 95th Infantry Division. Mr. Tomasello was wounded in action in Metz, France in 1944 and received disability retirement in 1945.

Prior to his military service, he married Janet Rice of Easton, Pa. where their daughter was born. After his military service, his family moved back to Easton where their four sons were born. In 1961 the family moved to West Palm Beach where he began his career as an Agent for New York Life Insurance Company until his retirement in 1982.

Mr. Tomasello is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Janet (Rice) Tomasello; daughter, Cheryle Williams and sons, Theron Tomasello, Jr. and Richard Tomasello (all of Jupiter, Fla.), William Tomasello of Stuart, Fla. and David Tomasello of West Palm Beach, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are four sisters, Casilda Wilson of Ft. Myers, Fla., Felicia Quinn of West Palm Beach, Fla., Angelina McCann of Jupiter, Fla. and Olga Strauss of Dunnellon, Fla. Mr. Tomasello was predeceased by brother's, Rudolph P. Tomasello in January 1997 and Mecham O. Tomasello in 1980

A Memorial Service will be held today 11 a.m. at the funeral home chapel with Rev. Eugene Ankenny officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Wagg Memorial United Methodist Church, 4401 Garden Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33405. Arrangements are under the direction of the MIZELL-FAVILLE-ZERN SOUTHDALE CHAPEL, 4101 Parker Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405.

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