



## Thomas Ernst Melcher, Jr.

December 25, 1922 - December 29, 2012

Thomas Ernst Melcher, Jr. of El Campo passed away December 29, 2012 at the age of 90. He was born December 25, 1922 in El Campo to the late Thomas Ernst and Daphne Redwine Melcher, Sr.

Tommy was a lifelong resident of El Campo. He graduated from El Campo High School in 1940 and was a member of the Texas A & M Class of '44. In 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy where he served in Panama and the Galapagos Islands for 3 ½ years. After the war, he returned to A & M and graduated in 1948. He began his career with the First National Bank in El Campo and retired after 40 years of service as President. He then served an additional 10 years on the Board of Directors. Tom was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as Deacon, Elder, Trustee and Treasurer, and was a long time member of the American Legion Post 251 and the BPOE Lodge 1749.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister and brother-in-law Doris Elaine and Charles L. Ellwood.

He is survived by his niece Sarah Lynn Hopper of Phoenix, AZ and nephews William C. Ellwood of Farmington Hills, MI, and Daniel T. Ellwood of Corpus Christi, TX.

Visitation will begin 1:00 pm Wednesday at Triska Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Thursday, January 3, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Chuck Kimball officiating. Graveside services will follow with Military

Honors at Garden of Memories Cemetery under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251.

Memorial donations in memory of Thomas E. Melcher, Jr. may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [triskafuneralhome.com](http://triskafuneralhome.com).

Triska Funeral Home El Campo, TX 979-543-3681

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lots of memories of Tom and the bank. Best to you all*

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**Mike Knight - Georgetown , TX - Friend** - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Enjoyed working for Mr. Melchor he was a great boss. I did get a chance to visit with him about a month ago at Garden Villa. He told me he was going to turn 90 on Christmas Day. He was a great man.*

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**Monica Bram - El Campo, TX - Co - Worker First National** - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM