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**Thomas E. Sundin**

**Oct. 5, 1924-Aug. 29, 2010**

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**PENDLETON** — Thomas E. Sundin, 85, of Pendleton died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010, at his home.

A recitation of the holy rosary will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Pendleton. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton, with interment to follow at Olney Cemetery.

Mr. Sundin was born Oct. 5, 1924, to Oscar and Marie (Urban) Sundin. He was raised and educated in Wisconsin. At the age of 18 he enlisted into the Air Force. He served as a radio operator/gunner on B-17s and B-29s for three years. He received an honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1946. In 1947 he married Merle Branville in Duluth,

Minn.

He was employed by Carnation Milk Co. as a branch manager for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Merle, at the home in Pendleton; daughters Darlene Ledbetter and Diane Royal, both of Pendleton, Sharon Sturgis and Terre Peek, both of Beaverton, Lorrie Licht of Kennewick, Wash., Lynette Haines of Stanfield, Theresa Vienhage of Vancouver, Wash., and Shelly Knudson of Spokane, Wash.; sons Thomas Sundin, Jr., and Timothy Sundin, both of Pendleton; sister Lois Rookey of Duluth, Minn.; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.



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Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com)