



Thomas Joseph Davies (1919 – 1943)

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Some people take pride in the country we live in and would do anything for it, even putting their lives on the line to protect their country. One man did this and lost his life in the process. This man was Thomas Joseph Davies. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Davies.

Thomas Joseph Davies was an ordinary boy who was born June 3, 1919. He grew up in the house at 4501 Otay Valley Road. (RFD Box 559) He went to Chula Vista Junior High School and then onto Sweetwater High School. He graduated from high school in 1937. He then went onto college and attended San Diego State University for two years, later the University of California at Berkeley. Being the smart young man that he was, he went to the University of Maryland and received a Masters degree in agricultural economics.

He was put in the "Sixty-day Training" program and was shipped to an island in the Espiritu Santu near the New Hebrides Islands, which is off the coast of Australia. There as a dedicated sailor serving his beloved country he tragically drowned at the age of twenty-three. He died at the age of 24 on August 29, 1943, and his body was recovered and buried overseas. He held the title Lieutenant Junior Grade in the supply room. His body was returned and he was buried in March 1948 at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Davies, two sisters, Mary and Margaret Davies, and a brother, Vincent Davies, all of Chula Vista, CA

Some people take things for granted, yet the family of Thomas Joseph Davies has learned not to because of their enormous loss. I believe LT (jg) Davies should be honored because he dropped everything and went to fight to serve his country. He has contributed greatly to American History.

