

## Obituary

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THOMAS SHELDON EDWARDS

GEORGE PRICE THOMSON

DOUGLAS WOOD

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1916 . . . **Thomas Sheldon Edwards** . . . 1961

Thomas S. Edwards, Vice President, Actuary and Manager of the Group Division of Michigan Life Insurance Company, died on January 28, 1961, following a year of illness. He was 45 years old.

Mr. Edwards was born January 28, 1916, and spent his childhood in Eldora, Iowa. He graduated from the State University of Iowa with a major in actuarial science. His first actuarial experience was gained at the Provident Life and Casualty Insurance Company.

He served as a Captain in the infantry during World War II, and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. After the war, he attended the University of Michigan to receive further actuarial training.

Joining Michigan Life Insurance Company as Actuary in 1946, he was made Second Vice President in 1949 and Vice President in 1954. He was given charge of the group division of the company in 1955. He was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and in 1948 served as president of the Michigan Actuarial Society.

Generous of his time to worthy causes, he was active in the Boy Scouts of America and United Community Services and was past president of the Birmingham Unitarian Church of Birmingham, Michigan.

His family circle was a particularly close and happy one. Surviving are his wife, Birdie, three children, Emily, Margaret Sue and Tommy, of Birmingham, Michigan; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Edwards, of Eldora, Iowa; and two brothers, Clint and Richard of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Edwards will be greatly missed by his business associates and many friends.

1904 . . . **George Price Thomson** . . . 1960

George Price Thomson died suddenly at his home in Toronto, Ontario, on November 24, 1960. Although he had suffered from an illness for several years, he was fully able to carry on his duties and had attended his office on the day preceding his death.

Mr. Thomson was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, on June 23, 1904. He received his early education in Owen Sound public schools and at Owen Sound Collegiate Institute. He then entered Queens University from which he was graduated in 1926 with honors in Mathematics. His entire business career was spent in the employ of The Excelsior Life Insurance Company which he joined in September 1926. He was appointed Assistant Actuary in 1937, Joint Actuary in 1939, Assistant General Manager in 1944, and General Manager in 1953. He continued to serve in the latter capacity until his death. Earlier this year he was elected as a Director of the Company.

Mr. Thomson was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. During the years 1942-1943, he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Actuaries' Club of Toronto. He was currently a member of the Joint Committee on Agency Matters of The Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association and had previously served on other committees of that Association as well as on the Quality Business Committee of the Life Insurance Agency Management Association.

Mr. Thomson was a member of the United Church of Canada and attended St. Georges Church in Toronto. He also was a member of the Granite Club and the National Club. He was an enthusiastic golfer and curler and was a former president of the High Park Curling Club. He maintained a summer home on Georgian Bay where he thoroughly enjoyed many happy leisure hours.

He is survived by his wife, the former Muriel Gladys Arthur, three daughters, two grandchildren, a sister and two brothers.

Price Thomson was a friendly man who liked people. Possessed of a warm and genial personality, he took a personal interest in the welfare of the employees and agents of his Company. He was exceptionally tolerant of the views of his contemporaries and associates and fair-minded in his decisions. He was a competent and efficient administrator and held the respect and affection of all who knew him. His sudden passing came as a great shock to his many friends and business associates.

**1899 . . . . Douglas Wood . . . . 1960**

Douglas Wood passed away on December 26, 1960, after an extended illness. He was born May 12, 1899, in St. Louis, Missouri. After completing his education at the University of Illinois and Washington University, he entered the Actuarial Department of the old Missouri State Life Insurance Company and later became associated with the General American Life Insurance Company where at the time of his death he

was the head of the Life Underwriting, Application Processing, and Policy Issue operations.

Mr. Wood was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the Home Office Life Underwriters Association and of the Institute of Home Office Life Underwriters. He was a past President of his Company's Shield and Wings Council and had served on its Junior Board of Directors.

Douglas Wood was a man of fine character and integrity with a keen and analytical mind. He was active in the affairs of the Institute and contributed generously to the success of the organization. His loss is keenly felt by his associates and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Keefe Wood, and their daughter, Mary Jean Wood, and son, Brother Robert D. Wood, a lay brother of the Catholic Church.