



George F. Thompson

December 22, 1914 - December 14, 2013

GEORGE FRANK THOMPSON, born December 22, 1914 in Baltimore Maryland, transcended this life on Saturday, December 14, 2013. He was the last surviving child of five brothers and one sister born to the late Edward and Emma Milburn Thompson. He was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. His early Christian education was in the Baptist faith. As a young adult he converted to Catholicism. He was a devout parishioner at the Basilica of Baltimore where you could see him every Sunday morning at the 8:00 a.m. mass ushering. He served as an usher, at the age of 98, until he was hospitalized November 2013. He left school at an early age to work. His job of 28 years at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC, was a mixologist. When he started at the club, Eisenhower was President. As head bartender, he traveled wherever the Republicans were gathering. He mixed drinks at all the Republican National Conventions and talked of serving in the Presidents' hospitality suites at all of the conventions. While working at the club, George started collecting elephants. His famous collection of elephants, on show in the club's first floor reception room, include all types of elephants. He mainly talked of the jade elephant given to him by one of former President Nixon's staff members on his visit to Peking. Former President Gerald R. Ford wrote in a letter to George on his 90th birthday celebration: "I'll always remember your wonderful collection of elephants that members of the Club gave you from around the world, which you in turn generously donated to the Capitol Hill Club upon your retirement. Your legacy of hospitality and friendship lives on

for future generations to enjoy”. If you asked George why he retired he would say, “I’ve always been an admirer of a person who walks out while he is still able and people still like him.” George received mention in the Congressional Record when he retired. His retirement celebration was held in the Eisenhower Lounge of the Club. After retiring from his job at Capitol Hill, he began his job as a “servant of God”, volunteering at Our Daily Bread three days a week. This included making soup, cooking food that had been donated uncooked and making salads. In 1995, when Pope John Paul II visited Baltimore, George was highly honored to cook the meal served to the Pope. He also received Catholic Charities “Volunteer of the Year” award. George reluctantly left Our Daily Bread when they moved to the Fallsway location. George lived for a time in Washington, DC, when he worked there, but later returned to his hometown. He never married. He and his brother purchased a house on Lynhurst Avenue in the city. The door to his house was always open just waiting for a celebration to happen. Among all of his other skills and talents, George was a great cook, decorator and social entertainer. In his beautiful backyard, George hosted weddings, graduation parties, anniversaries and many holiday get togethers. From Lynhurst, George moved to the Hanover Square Apartment building which is located in eye’s view of the Inner Harbor. He kept binoculars on his window sill so he could see all of the tall ships arriving and leaving, the fireworks and the sights as people walked along the harbor. He was known and well liked by all of the tenants in the building, especially the young ladies. He would busy himself making gifts and buying treats on every special holiday to give each of the young ladies. His energy was limitless when it came to giving and sharing with others. George enjoyed spending his Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in West Virginia and New Hampshire with his friends and beloved “God” family. George's affable personality endeared him to many. His repertoire of friends cover many states, nationally and internationally. Including such acquaintances as former Presidents Gerald Ford, and George Bush, Sr., Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, and his very good friend - Peter Craske in

England (who journeyed to George's 90th birthday party held in Baltimore.) George travelled extensively to locations such as England, Germany and Bermuda. He always talked about how he was fascinated by England, by the Queen and by the "quaint" houses. George took a special trip to Negril, Jamaica at the age of 88 to participate in his great niece's wedding. He lovingly announced that he wanted to see the wedding with his own eyes! George also enjoyed attending the theatre and going to breakfast at Jimmy's on Sundays after Mass. Shopping at Tuesday Morning was also a favorite outing for him. George's mind, sharp wit and humor were active still at the age of 98. George's spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of all the many friends whose paths he crossed in his lifetime. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved niece, Thelma A. Brookes who was constantly at his side; eleven other nieces and nephews; numerous great nieces and nephews; Sheila Durant, a devoted friend, along with friends James Ellison and Ernest Brooks, and a hosts of other friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 19. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

DEC 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

DEC **20**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Basilica Of The Assumption
409 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ George F. Thompson

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - February 13, 2014 at 12:12 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - December 27, 2013 at 08:30 PM



“ I remember George's faithful service at Our Daily Bread for 30+ years. He was a dear friend and supporter of Sister Josanna.

Patricia Murphy - December 17, 2013 at 07:10 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 17, 2013 at 01:12 PM

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Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I hope that you find strength and comfort in this most difficult time Just know that God will never leave you nor forsake you, so lean on him.- Remembering the good done of those we have loved is the consolation we have when we have lost them – Jim and Carolyn Stover

Jim and Carolyn stover - December 18, 2013 at 04:48 PM