



# Templeton Altman "T.A." Thompson

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**A** rosary for Templeton Altman "T.A." Thompson, 80, of Longview, will be recited at 6PM Friday evening, March 8, at the Rader Funeral Home Chapel, 1617 Judson Rd. and Mass of Christian Burial will be 12 Noon Saturday, March 9, in the Chapel of the Rader Funeral Home with Father Denzel Vithanage officiating. Entombment will follow in Lakeview Mausoleum.

Mr. Thompson was born March 20, 1921 in Erath County, Texas to Wiley and Opal Thompson. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was retired from the U. S. Air Force as Lt. Colonel.

He served his country from 1942 until 1971.

Mr. Thompson is survived by son and daughters-in-law, Charles E. and Marlynn Thompson of Athens, TX, Jeffrey Scott and Joan Thompson of San Antonio, TX.; daughter and son-in-law, Janet Lynn and Leo Speckman of San Marcos, TX; brother, Brad Thompson of Stephenville, TX; 15 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and a number of neices and nephews.

The family asks that those desiring to do so may make memorial donations to The Air Force Aid Society, Inc., Suite 202, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. 22202.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Temp had a very distinct presence. He had a unique way of making people feel comfortable around him. He can not be replaced. This makes his leaving harder. ##imported-begin##Don & Ann Templeton##imported-end##

March 10 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were so sorry to hear about Temp's death. We want you to know that our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. He and Dorothy were such an inspiration for all of us. The loss for the family and friends is great, but I know the reunion for Temp and Dorothy is a wonderful and happy time. ##imported-begin##Lynn and Ruth Newton Barkley##imported-end##

March 7 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Condolences from JM & Ovada Templeton's granddaughter & grandson-in-law, Jake & Barbara Gonzales. ##imported-begin##Barbara Bowen Gonzales & spouse, Jake Gonzales##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

##imported-begin##Charles Bowen Jr.##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I Bringham am JM and Ovada's "last leaf on the tree" grandson. I'm looking forward to sitting and listening to Temp's stories someday "On the Other Side". ##imported-begin##Brigham & Aimee Martin##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the entire family. Edwin L. Keller, Erath County Veterans Service Officer and Arley G. Echols, Assistant Erath County Veterans Service Officer.##imported-begin##Edwin L. Keller##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rest in Peace cousin Templeton!##imported-begin##Joe W. Templeton##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Temp is a family hero. Mother Marybelle and I had hoped to be with you, but will not be able to make the trip after all.##imported-begin##Gary & Pat McConnellSharp##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have very pleasant memories of my last visit with Temp. Just wish there could have been more through the years.##imported-begin##Marybelle Templeton McConnell##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We regret we are unable to attend the services for Temp. We would be so happy to see his descendants, many of whom we have never met. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.Sincerely, Charles and Mary RoseTempletonBowen##imported-begin##Charles & Mary RoseTempleton Bowen##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I am the oldest of J.M.Templeton's daughters. At family reunions at Grandpa & Grandma's place near Bunyan,Texas I was always impressed by Temp & the rest of the "older cousins. I was only 13 years younger, but that was a wide age gap for a girl who was still a preschooler. When World War II came along, most of those older cousins went off to war & all the family--young & old--felt both pride & anxiety about those "boys" who were abruptly thrust into premature adulthood. How happy we all were when the war ended!Then came the Cuban Missile Crisis with Russian ships bringing nuclear warheads to Fidel Castro. With these, Castro would have the capability of delivering devastating attacks on the U.S. directly from Cuba. President Kennedy "drew a line in the sand" by surrounding Cuba with a blockade of U.S. warships. Then he warned Russia not to sail past a specified point. For 3 or 4 days the world watched as Russia's ships came closer & closer. Just before they crossed the "line" they turned and headed back to Russia while the world breathed a sigh of relief.Of course, the Strategic Air Command SAC was on high alert. All of their jets had been moved from their regular sites to storage places that had been prearranged for just such a situation as this. As most of you probably already know, Temp was a SAC pilot. I believe my father had everyone he knew convinced everything would turn out right because Temp was a SAC pilot. I wish you could have known Daddy. He loved all his relatives dearly.My Husband Charles met Temp after our marriage in 1954 so he had no chance to know him as a boy or a young adult. He had heard all about him before he ever met him. As I already said, you should have know Uncle J.M.So many memories have been brought to the surface at this time!. Let me encourage you to remember the importance of family even though you are scattered to many places. Let e-mail keep you in touch with each other!Love,Mary RoseTempletonBowen###imported-begin##Mary RoseTempletonBowen###imported-end##

March 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our condolences to you in this time of loss.Stephen Smith J M Templeton's grandson, Angela, Sarah, and Rachel###imported-begin##Stephen L Smith###imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We extend our love to your entire family. Temp was veryspecial to us. ###imported-begin##Joanna & Howard Lay###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Distance has kept us apart through the years but Temp always held a special place in our hearts. Daddy J.M. Templeton especially held him in high esteem and loved to regale us with stories of the rich experiences they each had shared.##imported-begin##Dub and Virginia Templeton Martin##imported-end##

March 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have fond memories of bird hunting with Temp and Brad, and listening to Temp's stories of their childhood experiences. Please accept my most sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Tom Watson##imported-end##

March 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mother and Daddy JM and Ovada Templeton loved for Temp and family to come see them. Daddy so admired his military background and considered him a hero.##imported-begin##Jimmy and Dixie Templeton Smith##imported-end##

March 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our prayers are extended to the Thompson family. May the Lord send his comforter to instill a peace that passes all understanding.##imported-begin##Art Clendenin##imported-end##

March 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Just today I thought about Mr. Thompson, May God comfort and keep you and your families.##imported-begin##Berenice Gray##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Thinking of some of the pleant times had with the Thompsons when they first came to Longview as newcomers.##imported-begin##Bette Slade##imported-end##

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