



James Melroy Thompson

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James Melroy Thompson died peacefully at his home on Lake Cherokee on Thursday, May 13, 2004. He was born on September 2, 1909 in Madison County, Georgia. His parents were Warren Hervin Thompson and Eula Estelle Key Thompson. Melroy enjoyed a wonderful youth growing up in rural Georgia and Texarkana, Texas. He graduated from Texarkana High School and attended the University of Arkansas, but had to drop out during the depression to help his family. He had a number of jobs in his youth ranging from working in a broom factory to selling dry goods. He often shared his adventures with his family and friends. He felt fortunate to have lived through some incredibly momentous historical events and to have seen so many technological changes.

His greatest joy was his family. He married Ruth Ella Whitley on May 31, 1934 at the First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. He and Ruth shared 52 wonderful years before her death in 1986. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Mel, Sue, and Allen. In all their life endeavors, they were partners and enjoyed owning Thompson's clothing store in downtown Longview for many years. He was a warm and loving father, grandfather, and more recently, a great grandfather. He continually kept up with all his children and enjoyed their many visits to the lake. He had a great sense of humor and a loving heart.

In recent years, he treasured his life on Lake Cherokee and the wonderful friends who visited with him frequently and allowed him to maintain his independence. He looked forward to going to the Cherokee Club every Saturday and Sunday and was grateful to all his friends there.

He is survived by his three children. Mel and his wife Ruby live in England and have two children Zen wife Janet, son William and Mimei. Sue lives in Houston. Allen and his wife Dianne live in New Hampshire. They have three children: Chris of Dallas married to Jenny King, son Asher; Jennifer of Massachusetts married to Michael



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Campbell, daughters Emma and Lucy; and Lindsay of Dallas.

The family requests family flowers only and that memorial gifts may be made to the Building Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Longview or the Seacoast Cancer Center Cares Fund c/o Deborah H. Shelton, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital & Health Foundation, 789 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820.

The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home on Sunday, May 16, 2004 from 2 until 4 PM.

Graveside services will be held 11 AM, Monday, May 17, 2004, at Memory Park Cemetery with Rev. Jonathan Jehorek and Dr. W. D. O'Neal officiating, under direction of Rader Funeral Home. There will be a memorial service later in June at the First Presbyterian Church.



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Anonymous posted:

I never did get to meet Mr. Thompson but knew of him through his daughter, Sue, so I know he must have been a wonderful person with a great sense of humor because she does too. Also, all of his family are very successful, interesting people so I think that is a great compliment to a person's life. I know he will be missed terribly but hope that his family can feel near to him when they visit the lake. Love, Jan Petner###imported-begin##Jan Petner###imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Melroy Thompson was a great man. He made each person he encountered feel special and always had such a positive outlook on life. The memories I have of him will continue to live on through my children as I, along with my Mom {Martha Lane Kirk Mainor}, have told them about what a wonderful person he was and the thoughtfulness he showed to others. I feel privileged to have known Melroy and very fortunate to have been a member of his family. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Mike Mainor and family###imported-end##

May 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thank you Pop for sharing for your wisdom, your humor, and your love with us. We will miss you but we know you are in a happy place right now. We will do everything we can during our lives to make you proud of us and sustain your legacy.###imported-begin##Chris, Jenny, & Asher###imported-end##

May 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Pop was a wonderful, loving man. One important thing I learned from him is to tell my loved ones how proud I am of them and how much they mean to me as often as possible. His sincerity, humor, and peacefulness will be missed.###imported-begin##Jennifer T Campbell###imported-end##

May 16 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are so thankful to have known Uncle Melroy. He embraced life with love, warmth, humor and a grateful heart. Pop was an inspiration and will always be remembered. Love, Jayne & Don

May 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

He will be missed by all who loved and admired him. With my deepest sympathy to the family. Carol Coolidge

May 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

There will always be many wonderful stories and memories to ease the sorrow of losing such a special gentleman as Melroy Thompson. I am very grateful that I had a chance to meet him!

May 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

As longtime neighbors of the Thompsons on Young Street, I send condolences to Melroy's family. Remembering Ruth, Melroy and their children with fondest memories, Bette Slade

May 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this sad time. Mr. Thompson was a fine man and I know he will be missed. Linda Ryan Butter

May 15 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Everyone in Longview respected Mr. Thompson. What a joy it was to shop in "Thompsons" - such a pleasant atmosphere. Thoughts and prayers are with the family. May your sweet Memories comfort your Hearts.##imported-begin##Millie Harper##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Pop made me feel like a member of the Thompson family from the moment I first met him. I'll always have special memories of our visits to the lake and will always remember Pop as a wonderful and kind grandfather-in-law.##imported-begin##Michael Campbell##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Melroy, Sue, and Allen, I have many fond memories of being in your home and of your father's wonderful smile and great sense of humor. You were blessed to have such a loving father. My thoughts are with you at this time. Sincerely, Blanche##imported-begin##Blanche Henderson Brick##imported-end##

May 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My dear father, I will miss you with all my heart. Love, Sue##imported-begin##Sue Thompson##imported-end##

May 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

With gratitude for the life and wonderful memories of father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His spirit is in a wonderful place with his beloved Ruth!!##imported-begin##Allen and Dianne##imported-end##

May 13 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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