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Funeral services for U.S. Army Ret. Major George Carol Thompson, 88, of Leesville will be held Monday, July 18, 2016, at 12 pm at First Baptist Church in Leesville. Burial will follow in the Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 17th, from 5 pm until 8 pm at the church.

George Carol Thompson departed this world on July 13, 2016. He was an Army veteran of 3 wars – WWII, Korea, and Vietnam and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. He retired after 23 years with the rank of Major and subsequently embarked on a 30-year distinguished career as an educator and principal in the Vernon Parish School System after deciding to make Leesville/Ft. Polk his home.

George Carol Thompson was born in the parsonage of First Baptist Church, Vincentown, New Jersey on October 12, 1927. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary DeWitt Thompson, and three children: George Samuel Thompson and wife Lisa of Baton Rouge, LA; Debra Jean Thomas and husband Brian of Houston, TX; and Steven Craig Thompson and wife Frances of Louisville, CO. He is also survived by five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren: Phil Howard and Benjamin Collins Thomas of Houston, TX; George Charles and Sarah Marie Thompson of Baton Rouge; and Stefany Annaliese Thompson, Bridger Thomas Ellwein, and Anabelle Helena Ellwein of Louisville, CO. He is also survived by a brother, Harry William Thompson, of Vincentown, NJ.

On October 12, 1945, George volunteered for Army service and was deployed to Germany for the remainder of WWII. Upon returning stateside, he met Mary DeWitt on a hayride and began a 6-year courtship that resulted in marriage. Three weeks after their wedding on June 6, 1953, he was deployed to Korea for 16 months. Their first son, George, was born in Nürnberg, Germany, 1955. Daughter Debra was born in Columbus, GA, 1959. Their second son, Steven, was born in Tacoma, WA, 1960. After a 4-year assignment in Butzbach, Germany, the family arrived in Leesville/FT. Polk in 1965. In 1966, Maj. George C Thompson was deployed to Vietnam for another 16-month



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assignment. He retired from military service in January 1970 and embarked on a distinguished education career.

George was a prominent member in the Leesville/Ft. Polk community and served as President of Leesville Rotary Club, Retired Officers Association, and Retired Teachers Association. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church of Leesville, LA where he also served in the television ministry. George was the first principal of North Polk Elementary School where he served until his retirement in 2000.

George Carol Thompson was a Christian, patriot, veteran, devoted husband, beloved father, and fun-loving grandfather. His life was dedicated to service to God, family, and community.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to First Baptist Church, Leesville, LA in honor of his memory.



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CB

Carrie Brown posted:

THOMPSON, what do say about an amazing man...he cared about his students..his ties to make kids Laugh, and socks to match..it was always nice to see him walk around the school and just to check on the kiddos. Missing you Sir...May God bless your family with precious memories...love Carrie Adams Brown

July 10 at 7:00 PM

SM

Sunny Martin posted:

Mary, Sunny and I are so sorry. I know words are never enough, But close your eyes and let your heart hear how sad we feel at George's leaving us.He will Never be forgotten for He was one of the very few Men of Integrity, Honesty and Honor in our World today. He taught these important Principals to hundreds of children who in turn grew up and carried on for him; to their children. How many people live their lives and can leave a legacy like that. And, you know God only chooses the very Best to teach his little angels. God Bless You

July 23 at 7:00 PM

MR

Melinda Turner-Rodgers posted:

I am heart broken to hear this! Mr.T was the best principal Hornbeck High School has had since the 1980s. No one will ever be able to fill his shoes. Since he left Hornbeck I would see him from time to time he would always hug me ask how I was doing. He wanted to know about my family and especially about my son. He would cheer my son on to cross the finish line at the Rotary Club Cross Country Race at Hodges Gardens. He would be at every fund raiser we had that him and Mrs. Thompson could make it too. Fly high and enjoy heaven till we meet again Mr. T love you bunches.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

GC

Gerald/Sandra Cooley posted:

To family of George Thompson, Words cannot express my deep sorrow at the death of your husband, father and grandfather. What a wonderful man to know and work with for many years. He was such a joy to be around. He was always so positive and gave everyone he met encouraging words. My husband Gerald and I are honored to be able to call him friend. We will truly miss him. We will pray that God will give you the comfort you need for this time of sorrow. With love and prayers to each of you.

July 15 at 7:00 PM



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BD

Bradford Downs posted:

I loved Uncle George he was a great man. Aunt Babe and Uncle George would always come over to my Grandmonter's house Ida Danley No matter what I had to do I always found the time to go see them. I loved to hear all the stories growing up, And as I got older I had a lot of respected for the both of them. I will miss him dearly. I love u Aunt Babe,

July 15 at 7:00 PM

CH

Candace Welch - Holt posted:

So sorry for your loss. Mr Thompson was a wonderful person and will be missed by so many people.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

MZ

Millie Merritt-Zane posted:

There are simply not enough words in the dictionary to express the sadness I feel reading about Mr. T. He was a mentor to me and many others. At my father's funeral when Mr. T came up to me and gave me a hug after not seeing him for many years I realize then the connection he had with my dad and that he was my "little birdie" always informing my dad how I was doing in school. My heart is broken. To Ms. Mary and family, what a wonderful man and how lucky we are to have had the opportunity to share this life with him. God bless keep safe my love to you all.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

CB

Carrie Adams Brown posted:

So sad to hear this... Mr. Thompson was a blessing to so people he would light up a room even with his ties that would light up..he ALWAYS had a smile..he will be greatly missed...may God be with his family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

SP

Stasha Powell posted:

He was something else...cracking jokes but such a great man! Mr. Thompson will be missed!

July 14 at 7:00 PM



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JM

Jackye Cavanaugh Mosley posted:

I still remember him and his wife from his years at Hornbeck High School. He and Mrs. Mary were a delight. Many wonderful memories of cooking in home ec and he would volunteer to be the tester of our cooking. :) My prayers for Mrs. Mary and the family. Until we meet again Mr T!!!

July 14 at 7:00 PM

KR

Kim Reischling posted:

My condolences to the family. I first met Mr. Thompson when he was principal of North Polk Elementary School -- I took a picture of him kissing a pig for the post newspaper (it was for a reading challenge for the kids). I missed the shot, and Mr. Thompson, with his wonderful good nature kissed the pig again. What a great picture it was -- Mr. Thompson put all his effort into kissing that pig. All the children laughed as did the teachers and parents that were there. Since then, I've encountered Mr. Thompson from time to time -- and he never failed to give me a warm smile and handshake. God bless him. I will always remember him with humor and fondness

July 14 at 7:00 PM

YW

Yvette Walter posted:

You all know that we loved him too. He was a Grandpa to our girls and our grandkids called him Poppers too. We will miss him greatly and our heart aches for his absence, BUT we are rejoicing and thanking God that we were blessed to know him while he was here on earth. God called Poppers home to sing in His choir. What beautiful music Poppers is experiencing now. Love you all!!

July 14 at 7:00 PM

LS

Leighanne Silver posted:

Uncle George you will be missed. So many wonderful memories from Seaside Park NJ when you and Aunt Mary came up to visit Harry, Nannie, Denise, Deanna and Billy. A million dollar personality and always so happy. I feel blessed to have known you. Love and prayers to all.

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RD

Ruth Dowden posted:

There was never a day that this great man didn't have a smile on his face. Even after he left Hornbeck he would call you by name when you saw him. Such a joy and inspiration to know and he will be missed. Condolences to the family.

July 13 at 7:00 PM

MK

Marcel & Nancy El Koubi posted:

Sending my deepest condolences to the family of a great man. A friendlier more positive person you could not find. A great individual who knew how to give. Deepest sorrow that Nancy and I will be put of town Friday the Sunday, though we will be with you in our thoughts and prayers

July 13 at 7:00 PM

PW

Pamela Hammond Wood posted:

Sending my condolences to the Family and my long time neighbors. Blessings

July 13 at 7:00 PM

FJ

Fredia Johnson posted:

Sending my sincere condolences to the family. May God give you comfort during this time. Mr. Thompson will be missed by all that ever met him.

July 12 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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