



Sheron Lee "Tommy" Thompson, Jr.

September 27, 1942 - December 23, 2023

Sheron Lee "Tommy" Thompson, Jr. died on December 23, 2023.

Tommy was born on September 27, 1942 in Charlotte, NC. He was raised in the village of Van Wyck, SC. He was predeceased by his parents, Sheron L. Thompson, Sr. and Allie Bradford Thompson and his brother, Morrow Bradford Thompson.

Despite his health issues, Tommy led an active life during his childhood and most of his adult years. He was an Eagle Scout at the age of fourteen. He graduated from Lancaster High School and from Presbyterian College. After college he began his career at Burlington Industries as a programmer. He married Elaine Goldsmith Thompson "Laney" in 1968 and they were married for 55 years. His career in IT continued when he joined The Lane Company in 1981. He continued working for Lane until his retirement in 2005. He made many wonderful friends at Burlington and Lane.

Tommy loved music and had a beautiful tenor voice. He sang with the Jefferson Choral Society for over 23 years and he and Laney enjoyed several tours with JCS in Europe and Canada. He also loved his church, Lane Memorial United Methodist Church and was a choir member for over 50 years. For many years he was an avid runner, bicyclist and active member of the Altavista Area YMCA. He served on many committees at his church and at

the Y. He loved the beach, particularly Hilton Head.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Brad Thompson of Wake Forest, NC; a daughter, Kelly Hood (Troy) of Mount Holly, NC; his grandchildren, Chase, Spencer, Blake and Grant Thompson and Allie, Elijah, Cameron and Grayson Hood.

A celebration of his life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, Altavista by the Rev. Yusang Chung.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Avenue, Altavista, VA 24517 or the Altavista Area YMCA, 718 7th Street, Altavista, VA 24517.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

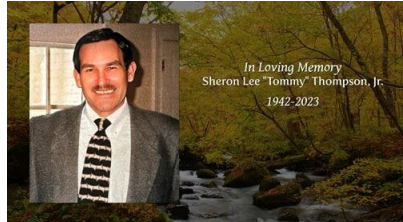
JAN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lane Memorial United Methodist Church
1201 Bedford Avenue
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Sheron Lee "Tommy" Thompson, Jr.*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 10, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Sheron Lee "Tommy" Thompson, Jr.*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 04, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memorial Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 22, 2024 at 11:51 AM

KO

“ Laney So sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. You have our deepest sympathy. Kenneth and Glenda Ogden

Kenneth and Glenda Ogden - January 16, 2024 at 12:53 PM

WS

“ Laney, Warren Stephenson here. The many and wonderful memories of 14 years together with you two is priceless! While I enjoyed playing golf with Tommy many times, my memory of the frequent activities (remember the Olympics) we had as a neighborhood will always be my fondest of Altavista as well as being your neighbor. So many good times and bonding like I have never experienced happened there! I am saddened by Tommy's passing and want to let you know that you and Tommy made my time in Altavista as important and memorable as any time I have had in my long life. We have prayed for peace and comfort for you and your family.

Warren Stephenson - January 15, 2024 at 10:08 PM

VC

“ Laney, Sending thoughts and prayers to the Thompson family during this difficult time. May God give you strength to see you through this .



Vicky Creasy - January 11, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 10, 2024 at 10:03 AM

RS

“ My sincere and deepest condolences to Laney, Brad, Kelly, and each of Tommy's family and friends. We were roommates at PC and shared so many wonderful memories. Our freshman pledge was "I will conduct myself at all times as a true, Southern gentleman." Tommy lived that pledge throughout his life so you might be surprised to know his frat bros nicknamed him "Terrible Tom." When confronted by an unruly collegian, Tommy quietly said, "If you were to swing now, you'd be late." End of confrontation! One more story: as we moved to the end of our senior year, I was called to the hall phone of our dorm. Mrs. Thompson revealed Tommy's graduation gift was a 1964 Chevvy. Should she hold it until after final exams? Mom and Dad delivered the Chevvy that weekend. Tommy's grit, determination and faith, combined with the support of Laney, truly the love of his life, served him well as he fought through kidney transplants, dialysis and more than one Code Blue episode. R.I.P. my brother. Russ Strange, PC Class of 1964

Russell Strange - January 05, 2024 at 06:31 PM

MW

“ We need more Tommy Thompsons in the world, not fewer. Never saw him frown, even in the middle of a hot 10 mile training run in the 1980's. He'll not be forgotten, Laney.

Mike Weaver - January 05, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ 69 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 04, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ *Love, thoughts, and prayers Laney and family.
Love, Judy and my McGuirt's*



Judy McGuirt - December 29, 2023 at 09:20 PM

CS

“ *Chip Smith lit a candle in memory of Sheron
Thompson*



Chip Smith - December 28, 2023 at 04:56 PM

BG

“ So, so Sorry for your loss Laney. I recall meeting him (probably some other times briefly too like Branch’s wedding, etc), I believe with you on the beach in front of Jane’s 2nd row ocean house in Sea Pines in the early 80’s if my memory serves me well?

Condolences to all in your family.

Ben Gage, brother of Jane Gaston Gage (Furtado.)

Laney, FYI, My only wife, 20 years ('85-'05), Pam died suddenly last year of Brest cancer. It was like she was still my wife after she passed and we never divorced. We raised our two beautiful daughters together, then cooperatively separately— so I know somewhat how you feel?

Benjamim (Ben) Cochran Gage - December 28, 2023 at 12:00 PM

TB

“ Terri Bryant lit a candle in memory of Sheron Thompson



Terri Bryant - December 28, 2023 at 08:41 AM

PM

“ Laney and family, we are so sorry for your great loss. We pray for God’s peace and comfort for all of you that only He can give. Tommy was a fine gentleman. Our love and prayers. Don and Patti

Patti Morton - December 27, 2023 at 01:31 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. May sweet memories of him comfort you in the days ahead.

Dianne Love Bruner - December 27, 2023 at 09:10 AM

KW

“ Kathy Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Sheron Thompson



Kathy and Ray Walker - December 27, 2023 at 06:30 AM

BA

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, prayers for all of you during this time.



Barbie Andrews - December 26, 2023 at 10:11 PM

MM

“ Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Sheron Thompson



Mary Moses-Hicks - December 26, 2023 at 09:13 PM

KM

“ *Laney. My heart is hurting for you tonight. May God's peace and strength fill your heart and those of your family this week. With Love and hugs. Karl*

Karl Miller - December 26, 2023 at 08:56 PM

BG

“ *Laney and family, we are so very sorry for the loss of your loved one. He was so active in the community and he will be missed. May God give you peace.
Bill and Betty Gillespie*



Betty Gillespie - December 26, 2023 at 07:53 PM

SC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to you and your family.*



Skip and Dawn Crusinberry - December 26, 2023 at 06:54 PM

JM

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Prayers are with the family and friends. I knew Tommy from Lane, a very kind person. I remember his laugh.*

JoAnn Martin - December 26, 2023 at 06:22 PM

DL

“ *Doris Lukin lit a candle in memory of Sheron Thompson*



Doris Lukin - December 26, 2023 at 06:20 PM

SF

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss.
Continued prayers for you during this time.
Stan and Sandra Finch*



Sandra Finch - December 26, 2023 at 04:42 PM

GG

“ *Gwendolyn Goggin lit a candle in memory of Sheron Thompson*



Gwendolyn Goggin - December 26, 2023 at 03:07 PM

BD

“ *Brian Davis lit a candle in memory of Sheron Thompson*



Brian Davis - December 26, 2023 at 02:30 PM

CM

“ *What a great guy! We are going to miss him. Carolyn and Rob McEachern, Wilmington NC*

Carolyn McEachern - December 26, 2023 at 02:21 PM

JD

“ *Laney and family, Sorry to hear about Tommy. He was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him. I really enjoyed the years that I worked with him at Lane. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Jean Dalton - December 26, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JM

“ *Jimmy Anne marr lit a candle in memory of Sheron Thompson*



Jimmy and Anne marr - December 26, 2023 at 12:00 PM