



John Marion Thackston

December 5, 1913 - February 1, 2005

John Marion Thackston, age 91, a resident of Morning Side of Charlottesville, passed away February 1, 2005. He was a native of Farmville, Virginia, a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Charlottesville. He was a former resident of Portsmouth and former member of Centenary United Methodist Church. He retired from Portsmouth Naval Hospital after 34 years of service.

Mr. Thackston was the widower of the late Mary West Thackston. He is survived by his daughter Shirley Fritz and her husband Donald of Charlottesville; grandchildren Michael Dixon and his wife Tracy of Greenville, NC, Marcy Rampini and husband Massimo of Charlottesville; great-grandchildren Abigail Dixon, Marta Rampini and Matteo Rampini; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Friday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel with burial in Olive Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the funeral service.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the excellent care given to him by the staff at Morning Side for many years. They would also like to thank the staff of 7-South at Martha Jefferson Hospital for the care and compassion to all of the family during his last days.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley and Don,
I too share your grief at the passing of such a "Sweetheart:"
How I remember the smiles as well as the tears as we conversed
with each other quite frequently.
It was truly a blessing to know that no matter how he felt he always
remembered me, to me this was a very 'Special' moment.
I have held his hands through many laughs. He had a ' Beautiful'
smile.
I remember all the times that he thanked me for all the fruits I would
see that he would get each morning at breakfast.
I will miss all those 'Special Moments'.
You were all such a lovely family to talk to and I enjoyed seeing you
all come through our doors at Morningside.
God Bless each of you as you mourn his passing.
Love Always and Remember always,
Louise###imported-begin##Louise Hensley###imported-end##

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“ To Marcy, Shirley, Mr. Fritz, and the grandchildren that I seen on a
daily basis...I am vey sorry for the lost of this very special
person....John will always be in my heart and I will never forget the
first time, I showered him and he found out I was married to a very
big guy.He tried to refuse, but I wouldnt let him. Shirley I will miss
seeing you guys at work...John was a great person to take care of,
and you all were a loving family to talk with in person...He will be
truly missed....Love always Becky & Thomas###imported-
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“ I know that this is a time of great loss in your life and I will keep you in my prayers.

I only met John last July, but it didn't take long before I came to love him and appreciate the love that he had for his family. Each Thursday's visit was a joy, though in many different ways on different visits, and I know that my life has been enriched in having known him.

May God bless you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Rev.

Chris Fuss##imported-end##

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