



Leonard Harold Thompson

January 10, 2022

Captain Harold Thompson, Portsmouth Fire Dept Retired, died on Monday, January 10, 2022. Harold was born in Four Oaks, NC to Leonard and Alice Temple Thompson.

Harold was an Army Air Corps Veteran of WWII serving post War 1945-1947. He hired onto the Portsmouth Fire Dept in 1956. In 1960 he was transferred into the Fire Prevention Bureau where he worked the last 25 years of his career. In the early 1970's he was one of the first sworn Municipal Fire Marshalls in the State. After retiring in 1985 Harold worked as in Inspector with the Virginia State Fire Marshalls Office for 6 years. Harold was the second oldest Portsmouth Fire Dept retiree at 94 years of age.

Harold was a member for many years at Calvary Baptist Church in Portsmouth where he served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Trustee and as a member of the "Thursday Crew." Since 2012 he has been a member of Alexander Baptist Church where he was in regular attendance until the first of December last year. He was known by the congregation affectionately as "Mr. Harold." He loved and served God, his family and his church.

Harold was predeceased by his parents, a brother, Junius Thompson, a sister, Linda Thompson, his first wife of 59 years, Madeline Thompson and his

second wife, Roselia "Petesy" Thompson. Harold is survived by his son, Carlyle Thompson and wife Judy of Chesapeake, his daughter, Nancy Coppedge and husband Lee of Willington, NC, sister, Alice Lewis of Sims, NC, grandson Michael Thompson and wife Crystal, grandson Captain Phillip Thompson (Norfolk Fire Department) and wife Tammy, Grandson Barry Coppedge and wife Ashley of NC, and Grandson Brett Coppedge of NC. Harold is survived by great grandchildren, Ashley Rawlings, Hannah Thompson, Abigail Thompson, Gabriel Thompson, and Madeline Coppedge. Harold is also survived by stepchildren Mike White, Pam Orr, and Beth Garrett and their families.

Entombment services will be private.

The family suggest memorial contributions to Alexander Baptist Church 4316 Pamela Ct, Chesapeake, VA 23321 or to The Gideons International Processing Center P.O. Box 97251 Washington, DC 20090-7251.

A Celebration of Life service will at a later date in the spring.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ How in the world did petesy..turn into protest ?

Judith Dickerson - January 16, 2022 at 03:09 PM

JD

“ I always enjoyed playing Dominos with Harold and Protest at my sisters house. Also used to see him at the mall. He was a great guy.

Judith Dickerson - January 16, 2022 at 03:07 PM

JC

“ Carlyle, I am so sorry to hear of this. He was such a great man, very kind and loving. Always had a smile and hug for me no matter where we saw each other. He was there when both my parents passed. I was very fond of your mother, but was so grateful when he married Petesy and cared for her to the end. I will miss him. Condolences to you, Nancy and your families.
Joyce Williams Cates

joyce Cates - January 16, 2022 at 12:29 PM

DS

“ One of the finest men I have known. What a wonderful gentleman. Sending prayers to his family. May all of your treasured memories give you comfort during this time.

Lee and Debbie Smith

Deborah Y Smith - January 15, 2022 at 01:50 PM

HC

“ *My deepest condolences to the Thompson Family. May our Heavenly Father feel your hearts with Joy and Love.*

Howard Callis - January 13, 2022 at 10:57 AM

SW

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Family and Friends. Always liked seeing and talking to Harold.* 🙏



Stuart & Susie Wells - January 13, 2022 at 09:09 AM