



## Rev. Richard Thompson

November 8, 2013

Surrounded by his family, Rev. George Richard Thompson of Suffolk went to be with the Lord November 8 at Bon Secours Maryview Nursing Care Center. Born in India to missionary parents, G. Barney and Vivian Shute Thompson, he attended Woodstock School. Following his service in the United States Navy as a submariner during World War II, he earned a Master of Arts at Bob Jones University. A gifted linguist, Rev. Thompson and his wife of 64 years, née Myrtle Virginia Williams, served as missionaries in Pakistan, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States with The Evangelical Alliance Mission TEAM, Wheaton, IL.

In addition to his wife, Rev. Thompson is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Harris and husband Rev. David of Portsmouth, and four sons: Doug and wife Renee of Finksburg, MD; Dr. Jim and wife Anna of St. Charles, IL; Rev. Dr. Bob and wife Linda of Hickory, NC; and David of St. Charles, IL. Seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren also cherish his memory: Christina and Dr. Michael Davis and daughter Tristyn of Urbandale, IA; Chandra Snyder, Esq., and Martin of Virginia Beach, VA; Brandon Thompson and fiancée Carly Whitlock of Baltimore, MD; Wesley and Bobbi Thompson and son Colton of Felton, PA; Lauren Thompson of Towson, MD; Aubryn Thompson of New York City, NY; Briana and Howie Hutchinson and daughter Adele of Denver, CO; Calla Thompson of Denver, CO; Dr. Philip Thompson of Honolulu, HI; Cara and Michael James of Augusta, GA; Jenica Thompson of

Wilmington, NC; James, Jeslaine, Max, Jacob, Jenna, and J. D. Thompson of St. Charles, IL.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the life of Rev. Thompson at Loving Funeral Home on Monday, November 11, at 11:00 AM. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment at Horton Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk will be private. The family wishes to thank the staff of Maryview and Bon Secours for their care for Rev. Thompson. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023-7505 or [donate.americanbible.org](http://donate.americanbible.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear yesterday that Rev. Thompson has now joined that cloud of witnesses who cheer on those yet to come. I have some wonderful memories of him in the few times we spent time together with the family. My heart and prayers go out to you, Myrtle, as well as the rest of the family. The Thompson clan has been a tremendous blessing to me, both in Hickory and in Israel. One needs look not look beyond this family to see a phenomenal legacy left through his life. May God be especially close to each of you now and through the coming weeks ahead.##imported-begin##Cyndi Burns##imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ a life well lived and a witness forever  
He was a joy to have met and talked with  
His humor helped all who knew him

que Dios le guarde siempre##imported-begin##wade shuford##imported-end##

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November 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest and most heartfelt condolences to your family on the loss of your precious Dad. During this time of sorrow, take comfort in the legacy of his love, loyalty and service -- clear from his life's work and made manifest in the devotion of his children.##imported-begin##Kathi L. Fitzgerald##imported-end##

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November 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers are with the families in the death of Rev. Richard Thompson.##imported-begin##Rev. Jimmy Norred##imported-end##

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November 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I hope it is okay to use this means to acknowledge my special thanks and gratitude to everyone who is writing. Our family was blessed with over 6 decades with our dad. Now we await the day we will see him again. Thanks to all of you. Please keep us in your prayers.  
mvt aka Jenny to some of you##imported-begin##Myrtle Virginia Thompson##imported-end##

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November 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Myrtle, I heard of Dick's homegoing from my sister in VA and also from Rita Adams. I was a member of Highland Baptist and remember you and Dick so well. Praying for you as you make this adjustment in your life. My own husband, Jim, went to be with the Lord in 2011. Though we know they are well and whole and rejoicing in heaven, there is still a vacant place left in our own hearts and lives. God bless and keep you in His care.##imported-begin##Jean Bragg Wallace##imported-end##

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November 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy in the death of Rev. Richard Thompson. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Larry Bolick

Abernethy Laurels

Newton, NC###imported-begin##Chaplain Larry Bolick###imported-end##

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November 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Love and prayers come to you all from the Styron family at this terribly sad time. On a personal note I thank God, Rev. Richard & Mrs. Thompson for their gift of Elizabeth who is a never ending fountain of wisdom to us all and my very dear friend. He must have been a remarkable man, Oh the memories you have and the stories you will tell.

Veronica Styron###imported-begin##Veronica Styron ###imported-end##

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November 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you all for attending yesterday's service. The outpouring of love for my Father was inspiring. Your sacrificial giving, friendship and prayer over the years truly enabled my father's ministry. May God continue to richly bless you all. God is indeed very good.###imported-begin##David Thompson###imported-end##

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November 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans USSVI, we offer our sincere condolences to Myrtle, Elizabeth, Doug, Jim, Rev. Dr. Bob, and David, and all of Rev. Thompson’s family and friends as you grieve his passing. May God whisper peace into your hearts, comfort and heal them. We are grateful for George’s service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service during WWII and his faithfulness as a minister of the Gospel . To our “Brother of the Dolphin” &hellip; “Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country.” -- Rev. Ray Fritz, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.##imported-begin##Chaplain Ray Fritz##imported-end##

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November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Myrtle and family,

You are in my thoughts at this difficult time. May God give you peace to carry you through.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Rhonda Tepper##imported-begin##Rhonda Tepper##imported-end##

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November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Your family are in our thoughts and prayers-##imported-begin##Steve and JeannieBrackett##imported-end##

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November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ginny, we will miss Dick's smile, humble attitude, encouragement to follow Jesus and servant's heart. From the first day you came to Grace we were taken by you both. We are so grateful for that blessing from God. We have been better because Dick and you have been a part of Grace. It is with sorrow that we acknowledge our loss here on earth but find great consolation in knowing that Dick is with Jesus singing His praises at this very moment. Our love and sympathies to you and your family... The Grace Family##imported-begin##Tim Siemens##imported-end##

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November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Myrtle,  
We are so sorry to hear of Dick's homegoing. You have been such an encouragement to us in our work here in Thailand. May the God of comfort and peace surround you with His loving arms and hold you close. We rejoice in the home going of one of His own, but it is tough being the one left behind. Blessing to you as you grieve the loss of your dear loved one.##imported-begin##John & Donna Robinett##imported-end##

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November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My Dear Myrtle,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for God's wonderful grace to comfort and keep you and your sweet family.*

*Much love,  
Loretta Paxson##imported-begin##Loretta Paxson##imported-end##*

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November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Myrtle, I am sending warm thoughts and prayers and hugs your way. From our family to yours. Love you, Deanne, Dennis & the boys.##imported-begin##Deanne Smith##imported-end##

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November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of the Burbage Grant Owners&rsquo; Association, I want to extend our condolences to Myrtle and her family during this time of loss. You and Reverend George have touched many lives in very positive ways and have made this world a better place. Know that we are grieving with you and will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Dwight Richards

President, BGOA##imported-begin##Dwight Richards##imported-end##

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November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts & prayers are with you.  
I have fond memories of all of you.  
Want you to know I love you. Marie##imported-begin##Marie Reneau##imported-end##

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November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Rev. Thompson will always be in my thoughts, he was a kind man, whenever it was refuse day I would always be ready because I would look down the street and as usual Rev. Thompson was always ready and on time, thank you Sir. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Virgie Hill , Courtney and Christian Springs##imported-end##

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November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to you all. How fitting for a man that spent his time on earth serving others will be laid to rest on Veterans' Day.##imported-begin##Donna Olivenbaum##imported-end##

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November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy to all during this time##imported-begin##Victor Williams##imported-end##

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November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM