



## Donald Ray Thompson

September 7, 1955 - January 4, 2025

Donald Ray Thompson, 69, of Gold Hill, NC passed away Saturday, January 4, 2025 at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center.

Donald was born September 7, 1955 in Durham, NC to the late Henry Wilson Thompson and Annie Marie Ridenhour Thompson. Mr. Thompson was a graduate of Cedar Ridge High School and Brookdale Community College in Middletown, NJ. He served in the U.S. Army. Donald worked as a truck driver. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles and collecting coins.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Henry Thompson, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Ann Combs Thompson; daughter, Rachel Smith (Christopher); son, Donald Ray Thompson, II (Sopheap); brother, James Thompson; sisters, Sylvia Melton, Carol Bolick, Diane Corbett, Cynthia Thompson; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at the U.S. National Cemetery, Statesville Blvd location 1:30 p.m. Tuesday (January 21).

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Thompson family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## U.S. National Cemetery

1601 Brenner Ave.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 21. 1:30 PM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Sending our Thoughts n Prayers to the Family.  
Alan n Becky L Davis, Curts Auction.* ”



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**Becky Davis** - January 12, 2025 at 05:28 AM

DA

“ *Donald ( Budd ) was always so nice when I saw him. He was one of the first to make me fill welcome at my first family reunion I will always remember him!!* ”



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**Dale** - January 11, 2025 at 05:50 PM

LC

“ *Linda & Gene Cooper purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Ray Thompson.* ”



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**Linda & Gene Cooper** - January 09, 2025 at 01:25 PM

KP

“ *Prayers for your family. You are pain free now. Fly high Bud.* ”

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**Karen Prenderville** - January 08, 2025 at 09:44 AM

RT

“ *I am so sorry to read about Don's death. May the comfort of the risen Christ bring you peace and put your heart at ease. Rev. John Tuckee*

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**Rev. John Tucker** - January 08, 2025 at 03:56 AM