



## Emmette Gray Thompson Jr.

January 28, 1915 - February 18, 2011

God called to His Heavenly Home, Emmette Gray Thompson Jr. on Friday, February 18, 2011 at Magnolia Gardens.

He was born on January 28, 1915 in Salisbury, NC; and was the son of the late Emmette Gray Thompson Sr. and Gertrude Wise Thompson. He was married to Anne Howard Thompson and they were the parents of Judy Anne Thompson and Emmette Gray Thompson III.

Emmette grew up in Salisbury and graduated from Boyden High School. He was a life long resident of Salisbury and it was the place he indeed loved.

He worked at Martin Industries in Baltimore, MD during World War II and returned to Salisbury afterwards. Emmette worked at Wallace Motor Co. as a service manager with other family members until his retirement in 1978.

Emmette was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the James L. Fisher Sunday School Class. He at one time went 70 years with perfect Sunday School attendance. He was also very involved and helped lead the Boy Scout Troop at St. John's for several years.

Emmette was preceded in death by his parents and his dear wife Anne who died in 1970; and two sisters Nancy (Sug) Wallace and Frances Krider.

Those left to cherish his memory include daughter Judy Thompson Moore of Salisbury, NC; son Emmette Gray Thompson III and his wife Valarie of Knoxville, TN; grandson Gray Montgomery Thompson who attends The Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO and granddaughter Mandy Lee Thompson who attends Belmont University in Nashville, TN; and a sister Gertrude Ellis who resides at the Lutheran Home in Salisbury, NC.

Emmette had a big heart and helped many others. He also had a hearty laugh and cheerful smile and enjoyed life and his friends.

A Celebration Service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday at 11AM (Feb. 23) with receiving of friends from 10-11AM Wednesday; burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 West Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144; or to Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950.

The Thompson Family would like to sincerely thank all of those who have assisted and cared for Emmette at the Arbor Terrace in Knoxville, TN; the Lutheran Home; and especially at Magnolia Gardens who lovingly cared for him so compassionately. He made friends easily there with the staff, who in turn grew to appreciate his kind spirit. We are also extremely grateful for longtime family friends and relatives, who loved Emmette and helped care for him over the years.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Emmette and Judy,

We were so sorry to read about the loss of your dad. He was certainly a fixture on Wiley Ave. walking when he could. Mother looked forward to seeing him and talking to him when he went by the house. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Keith and Janet###imported-begin##Keith andJanet Walker Shoemaker###imported-end##

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February 28, 2011 at 06:47 PM



“ Emette, I know how you loved your father. My heart is out for you right now. I pray the Lord stills your hurt and fills you with warm memories now and for all your days.

Love you brother!

Mike Bailey###imported-begin##Mike Bailey###imported-end##

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February 25, 2011 at 05:56 PM



“ God Bless you and your family during this difficult time. May you know HIS peace that passes all understanding in the days ahead.###imported-begin##Staff of WJMM Radio###imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ Judy, condolences and sympathy for you and your family.....eddie###imported-begin##Ed Dennis###imported-end##

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February 23, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ *Big E was a formative part of my childhood. He took me to catch my first fish and to see my first pro baseball game. He was a kind and jolly soul who I was blessed to know.*

*He earned his eternal reward.*

*Love to Little E, Judy, Val and the kids.*

*Jeffery##imported-begin##Jeffery S Warren##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ *Remember the laughs, smiles and memories of your dad during this sorrowful time. God will have his loving arms around to love and comfort you.*

*Love,*

*Charlet & Mitch Owens##imported-begin##Charlet Owens##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 03:17 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the family. May God's presence strengthen each of you during this difficult time.*

*Jim and Sandy Montgomery##imported-begin##Jim and Sandy Mongomery##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Most sincerely,*

*Michael & Donna Hooker##imported-begin##Donna  
Hooker##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ *Judy,  
I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Hoping your  
treasured memories bring you comfort day by day.*

*Valerie C. Myers##imported-begin##Valerei C. Myers##imported-  
end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 11:58 AM



“ *Emmette and Valarie,*

*We are sorry that we can't be with you during this time, but our  
prayers and thoughts are with you. We pray that God will comfort  
you and provide the strength you need in the days  
ahead.##imported-begin##Jim and Margaret Hunt##imported-  
end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 10:35 AM



“ Emmette, Valarie, Gray and Mandy:

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. We have fun memories of your dad and granddad during his stay in Knoxville. Taking him out to lunch one day, left us with a lasting impression of what a kind and dear man he was. We pray that the memories you shared together will bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead. We love you all and are grateful for the friendship we share.##imported-begin##Bo and Carol Beane##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 10:27 AM



“ Emmette & family,

*Prayerfully asking God to give you His 'New Grace' in days ahead as you lean upon Him for comfort and strength.*

*I Thessalonians 5:28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen##imported-begin##Ed Finley##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ Emmette and family: Frances and I are praying for all of you as you go through this loss of your father. God bless all of you and may He give you the comfort and strength you need.

*We love you and pray God's blessings on you.  
Frances and Bob##imported-begin##Bob & Frances Giffin##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 08:30 AM



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February 22, 2011 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Emmette, Valerie, Gray, and Mandy: May the memories you hold dear and the grace of our Father give you strength during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Danny and Nancy Wright##imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 11:50 PM



“ *Emmette, We were saddened to hear of the death of your sweet "Pop." Reading about his life gave us a glimpse of his kindness, love for family and service to others... We now understand the roots of your humble spirit. How blessed all the Thompsons are to have had such a wonderful dad, grandfather and friend... Love and Peace to you and your family as you face the days and weeks ahead... Dennis and Angie Koontz, MOH Family##imported-begin##Dennis and Angie Koontz##imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 10:45 PM



“ *We are so sorry we can't be there with you but wanted you to know that the entire Thompson family is in our thoughts and prayers. All our love, Karen and Gregg##imported-begin##Gregg and Karen Harper##imported-end##*

February 21, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ *Emmette and Valerie,*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

*God bless, Jenny and Harry Gregory##imported-begin##Jennifer Gregory##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ *Emmette, we are sorry to hear about your Dad. Our prayers go out to you and for your family. We know how you feel.##imported-begin##Jim&Linda Calloway##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2011 at 08:11 PM



“ *From all of us at Appalachian Life Quality Initiative (ALQI), our sincerest condolences.##imported-begin##Terrie Cross##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2011 at 08:02 PM