



## Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson

June 6, 1964 - October 27, 2015

Mark Thomas Thompson, 51, of Salisbury died on Tuesday, October 27th, 2015, at the Liberty Lane Hospice house following a 13 month battle with cancer.

He was born on June 6, 1964, in Salisbury, NC.

Mark was married to Debbie Adams Thompson for 27 years and was a devoted father to four adult children: William (Andrew) Thompson of Salt Lake City, Utah; Katie Thompson Clemmer (Joe) of Linwood, NC; Lindsay Thompson, Campbell University School of Pharmacy, Buies Creek, NC, and Carrie Thompson, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

He is also survived by his mother, Katherine A. Thompson, Winston-Salem, NC, his father, Thomas A. Thompson, Statesville, NC, one sister, Beth Correro (Vincent), four nieces, one great-nephew, and a great niece.

Mark served nearly six years on active duty serving God and country as a US Army Chaplain Assistant. Assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, he deployed to Operation Orient Shield (Japan), Operation Team Spirit (Korea), and Operation Cobra Gold (Thailand). He re-enlisted with the 240th QM Battalion "Proud to Serve" during the Desert Shield/Desert Storm era. He then left active duty to work at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA, serving veterans in a variety of positions throughout the medical center and in the community, most recently with Home Based Primary Care. He received his nursing education at Forsyth Technical Community College, The State University of New York, and Winston-Salem State

University.

Prior to active duty, Mark received civilian education at Word of Life Bible Institute and School of Youth Ministry, Pottersville, New York, studying abroad for a semester in Kenya, East Africa and participating in an inner city internship in New York City. He attended Salisbury-Rowan schools prior to graduating from North Hills Christian School.

Mark was a member of Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1 Graceway Drive, off of Odell Owen Road, Lexington, NC.

A visitation will be held from 12:30-2 PM Friday (Nov 6) at Summerset Funeral Home, West Innes Street, Salisbury.

The family will gather graveside at 2 PM Friday (Nov. 6) at the U.S. National Cemetery/VA Main Campus. Military Honors will be conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 AM Saturday (Nov. 7) at Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lexington, NC.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1 Graceway Drive, Lexington, NC 27295.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Lexington, NC

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dwight H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson.



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**Dwight H.** - November 06, 2015 at 07:34 AM

JA

“ We were stunned and saddened to hear that Mark had been ill and that he has gone to be with the Lord. He was a sweet man in a sweet family. The Lord bless and comfort all of you as only He can. In Him Who is our Peace,  
Jan, Rich , Carrie and Jon Rochester

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**Jan`Rochester** - November 05, 2015 at 02:55 PM

CD

“ I knew Mark from bldg. 42. He helped our unit doing overtime and was always great to work with. He was encouraging and positive no matter what the situation was. If we could all keep an attitude like Mark the world would be a better place. My condolences go out to his family.

-Chris Dobson

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**chris dobson** - November 04, 2015 at 06:53 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Mary Lee and Cynthia** - November 04, 2015 at 02:48 PM

DE

“ *I only knew Mark briefly. I saw him several times in the Dunn's Mountain community when he was a small child. I saw him next at the Veterans Hospital in 1997 when I was visiting my Daddy. Mark recognized our last name and introduced himself to me. Mark told me he would take good care of my Daddy, which he did. You could tell Mark had a passion for helping people, veterans especially.*

*Mark accomplished a lot in his 51 years. He touched a lot of lives, as he did mine. Katherine and Tommy, you raised a great son. William, Katie, Lindsay and Carrie, you have a great Dad and I am sorry you are loosing his earthly fellowship. I wished I had known him better.*

*My prayer is with all of you.*

*Darrell Elium*

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**Darrell Elium** - November 04, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BY

“ Benjamin Yancey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson



Benjamin Yancey - November 03, 2015 at 06:56 PM

 Kari Benge

“ To the Thompson family, Mark was a wonderful, caring person. He took great care of my father in 2009 through HBPC. He was a bright light and uplifting being in my dad's last days. For that, I am forever grateful. I am so sorry for your great loss! He will be missed by many. Kari Lynn Everidge Benge

Kari Benge - November 03, 2015 at 04:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson.



November 02, 2015 at 11:20 AM

DO

“ Debbie Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson



Debbie Ogden - November 02, 2015 at 06:52 AM

DO

*Sending love to his beloved family.*

Debbie Ogden - November 02, 2015 at 06:53 AM

MW

“ *Marcia Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson*



Marcia Watkins - November 02, 2015 at 06:50 AM

MW

*Such a humble, kind person. He will be sorely missed. Peace and Blessings to the family.*

Marcia Watkins - November 02, 2015 at 06:53 AM

JC

“ *mark was a wonderful nurse for the hbpc. my husband really liked mark. he thought there was no one like him. he will truly be missed.my prayers are with you and your family. when my husband was sick with a few days to live mark came to see him. he will be missed by all.*

janet connell - November 01, 2015 at 09:15 PM

BS

“ *I'm sorry that I didn't know Mark, but I knew his mother and father-in-law. I'm Debbie Ogden's mom and she has told me wonderful things about Mark. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you at this difficiult time. In Crist's love, Betty Sunding*

Betty Sunding - October 31, 2015 at 08:11 AM

ND

“ Mark was a Great co worker,I knew him while he worked at the VA,he was always smiling and happy. I will miss his smiling face coming into the lab, R.I.P. Mark



Nancy Davis - October 31, 2015 at 12:30 AM

JM

“ Mark was a great coworker and friend. He and I spent much time together in Bldg. 42 many years ago and later he became my Mother's nurse when she was admitted into the HBPC. She always looked forward to his visits and we appreciated him and the rest of the HBPC Team coming to her funeral. He will be missed. Joe and Jennifer Mischler and the family of Carol Lawrence

Joe Mischler - October 30, 2015 at 03:00 PM

LS

“ Letitia Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson



letitia sanders - October 30, 2015 at 02:07 PM

EV

“ Had the pleasure of working with Mark he was always kind and positive , he cared deeply about his patient's and his family. I am deeply saddened by his loss but he is resting in the arms of the Lord. My condolences to his beautiful family.

Evelyn - October 30, 2015 at 01:22 PM

PJ

“ To the family,  
Sorry for your loss.

*Pat Jamison*



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**Pat Jamison** - October 30, 2015 at 01:16 PM

CL

“ It's hard to think of how to describe someone as wonderful as Mark. He was smart, caring, compassionate, funny, and the most patient person I have ever known. He was a fantastic nurse and, as the first nurse in the Home Based Primary Care program, he was integral to the launch of a program that has benefited many homebound Veterans. He was wonderful to work with - always positive and always optimistic - he remained that way even during his battle with cancer. His courageousness during this illness inspired everyone who knew him. He was loved by those who worked with him and by the patients and families that he served. Mark will be missed by all of us whose lives were touched by him in his unique warm, caring way. We can be comforted by the fact that Mark will live on in the hearts of so many and that his legacy will continue through the wonderful family that he and Debbie created. Cynthia Ledford

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**Cynthia Ledford** - October 30, 2015 at 09:15 AM

DS

“ *What a pleasant soul Mark had. Always a smile on his face. Worked with Mark at the VA many years last being in HBPC. He taught me well in the beginning. We made many a trip together to visit our veterans. Visited with him weeks ago and could tell he was becoming weaker but still had that beautiful smile and said he was blessed with so many friends and he was especially proud of his family. He was a true family man who talked about his family's accomplishments with love. He will truly be missed by many. Please be comforted in knowing that Mark knew the Lord as his personal Savior and you will meet him again and will see that big smile of his on his face.*

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**Debra Smith** - October 30, 2015 at 08:36 AM

TR

“ *Mark was truly a lighthouse to those in darkness. His love of God and family was so brightly displayed every moment of being around him. Although I knew him only a short time he was like an old friend I had known forever. To his wife and children I have never met, just know that he cherished y'all, talked about you all the time and is extremely proud of all of you. Prayers of comfort and peace at this time to the family. Trish*



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**trish** - October 30, 2015 at 08:35 AM



“ A man with a tremendous loving heart. Mark was always willing to help the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Salisbury. He was a highly dependable and motivational man dedicated to making sure all of those entrusted to his care received the best care any nurse could provide. He's an honorable man with a great sense of humor and a soft, sincere voice. Mark always had a kind word and never a negative comment around me. I will greatly miss him, but will rejoice knowing he is in his Father's loving arms.

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**Alan Allman** - October 30, 2015 at 07:48 AM



“ Tonya Mathes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson



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**Tonya Mathes** - October 29, 2015 at 11:16 PM



“ I came in late to church after hospital rounds about a month ago and found an open seat beside Mark in the very back...and settled in. I could tell Mark was hurting, but he gave me his characteristic grin despite it and never complained a lick. So like him! He is certainly not complaining now! Wow, we cannot imagine how thrilled he is at this moment! He is an example to me of a man who lived well to the very end of this life and entered REAL life well! Bless you all Debbie and family. I know he is pulling for you and for all of us to live well, as he did, and to remember Whose we are and where we are heading.

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**Dan Entwistle** - October 29, 2015 at 09:13 PM

ST

“ Stephanie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Thomas Thompson



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**stephanie** - October 29, 2015 at 08:32 PM

KG

“ Mark was one of the RN's that came out to Mama & Daddy's house when Daddy was sick with Alzheimer's several years ago. He was always so kind to them. I visited with him a couple weeks ago and he talked about how precious they were. Mark was a good guy, he was always smiling and trying to make others feel better. Even that last time I visited him. He truly cared about his patients. Rest In Peace Mark. I also pray for peace and comfort for his family.

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**Karen (Kinley) Goins** - October 29, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JE

“ It was nothing less than an absolute pleasure to work with Mark. He went over and above to serve our Veterans. He will truly be missed. Please accept deepest sympathy to the Thompson Family and those who loved him.

Love,

*Jeronica*

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**Jeronica** - October 29, 2015 at 12:49 PM

BY

“ *My heart felt prayers to Mark's family. He always kept me up on sports when he worked with me on 42-1B and 42-1C also 42-2B at the VA. You can tell Mark had a pleasant soul. We laughed a lot about the funny things the patients would say to us. I will miss mark a great deal. Mark we will laugh again !!! In Jesus Amen*

*Love the Yancey's*

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**Ben Yancey** - October 29, 2015 at 10:22 AM

CB

“ *Debbie and children and Mrs. Thompson, Mark's smile is a symbol of the joy that he experienced in life. I had a conversation with him about three weeks ago and his attitude was so uplifting to me. His only sadness was having to leave all of you. He truly showed us how to trust God regardless of the pain and the reality that he could not get better. He will be forever in my cherished memories. My prayers for your comfort and healing.*  
*Love,*  
*Carolyn Barker*

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**Carolyn Barker** - October 29, 2015 at 05:57 AM

BB

“ Dear Debbie and Family,

*So very sorry to learn tonight at our prayer service of Mark's passing. Be assured of our continued prayers for all of you. Surely Heaven is rejoicing, but we know the loss is very, very hard. We have such fond memories of all of you in our church family when we were at North Hills Church.*

*In Christian Love,  
Bobby and Judy Briggs  
Lexington, NC*

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**Bobby & Judy Briggs** - October 28, 2015 at 09:01 PM

RE

“ *Mark had a kind and gentle soul. I always enjoyed working with him at the VA. He often offered a kind word or something humorous to those he met. He will be missed.*

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**Rebecca** - October 28, 2015 at 01:38 PM

JK

*What a wonderful witness of the love of our Savior. Mark will be missed by many. I can picture that wide smile of his as Jesus says to him "well done my good and faithful servant!!"*

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**jesse king** - October 29, 2015 at 02:44 PM