



Frederick "Shorty" Thompson

March 25, 1924 - December 11, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Frederick "Shorty" Thompson

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Frederick "Shorty" Thompson was born on March 25th 1924 in the small, farming town of Vance, Alabama. Shorty was born to Leonard Lee and Zula May Thompson, the third of four sons.

He is survived by his five children and one half-brother. Children, Brenda Stapel of Murphysboro, IL, Paulette Dupuis of DeSoto, IL, Dianne (J.D) Tremblay of Victoria, TX, Chuck (Gayla) Thompson of Vergennes, IL, and Elaine (John) Lundeborg of Carbondale, IL and half-brother David Thompson of Fort Wayne, IN. Shorty is preceded in death by Flora Lee Thompson, his loving wife of 58 years, his oldest son Freddy Wayne Thompson of Alpine TX, two son-in-laws, Richard Stapel of Murphysboro, IL, and Bob Dupius of Desoto, IL, three brothers, one half-brother, and his aforementioned parents.

Shorty joined the CCC at the age of sixteen before his tenure in the 8th

division, 28th infantry of the United States Army. He was a combat veteran of World War II who spent time fighting on the beach and through the hedgerows of Northern France. He retired as a lineman from CIPS after nearly 40 years of service. A devoted husband and avid outdoorsman, Shorty will be remembered most by his family for how he carefully and steadfastly presided over them. He was, in a few words, the Thompson family rock—the one we all loved. He was a loyal and fierce and humble man who understated his own accomplishments in fact and on principle, who loved to coach softball and hunt birds—and it is, at present moment, difficult to describe the felt impact Shorty had on the ones closest to him. His history is as long and wide as his legacy is deep and abiding, as evidenced by the three decades of grandchildren he leaves behind: 13 grand, 24 great-grand, and 11 great-great grandkids.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, IL from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Funeral Services will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 11:00 A.M. at the funeral home with Rick Stapel officiating.

He will be laid to rest at Murdale Gardens of Memory, Murdale Gardens Road, Murphysboro, IL with full military honors provided by the Illinois Honor Guard and the Murphysboro American Legion Post #127.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

To view the obituary and/or to leave an online condolence for the family, please visit www.crainsonline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Frederick "Shorty" Thompson

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ With Sympathay. Melanie (Smolak) Diel

Melanie Paulette Diel - December 18, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frederick "Shorty" Thompson.



December 13, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ Condolences to the entire Thompson family, many of which I use to know personally. Shorty and Flo were always two of my favorite policyholders and a pleasure to do business with. Just plain old good folks! God Bless the Thompson family at this sad time.
Bruce Martin

Bruce Martin - December 13, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Shorty's passing. He was a good man. Prayers for all the family.

Dianne Jones - December 12, 2022 at 11:55 PM

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“ I met Fred and Flora in 1973 when I moved to DeSoto after getting married. That marriage didn't last but my friendship did, and when I remarried in 1985 after moving to Arizona in 1977 David got to meet them too on a trip back to Illinois. After a visit to the famous to Ma Hales in Grand Tower we went to see the Thompson's and Flora had prepared one of her wonderful home-cooked meals just for us, so Dave ate well and ate a LOT that day. This country can never repay Veterans like Shorty who served in WW II. He was a bright, funny guy and a wonderful husband, father and neighbor to me for 4 years. This country doesn't have enough people like Shorty anymore and I shall miss him a lot, but I know he had a good life and will be with Flora now and for that I am happy.

Susan W. Robinson - December 12, 2022 at 08:20 PM

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“ Susan Wallace Robinson & David Robinson purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Frederick "Shorty" Thompson.



Susan Wallace Robinson & David Robinson - December 12, 2022 at 08:11 PM

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“ MARY LUNDEBERG lit a candle in memory of Frederick Thompson



MARY ELLEN LUNDEBERG - December 12, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Frederick "Shorty" Thompson.



December 12, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Frederick "Shorty" Thompson.



December 12, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Frederick "Shorty" Thompson.



December 12, 2022 at 02:56 PM