



Benjamin "Ben" M. Thompson

April 19, 1929 - June 1, 2014

Benjamin M. "Ben" Thompson of Waldron, Arkansas went to be with his Lord and Savior, Sunday, June 1, 2014 in Waldron, Arkansas. Ben was born April 19, 1929 in Polk County Arkansas to Frank Thompson and Minnie Lynn Martin Thompson. Ben was 85 years, 1 month and 13 days old.

Ben graduated from Mena High School in 1947 after enlisting in the United States Army in September of 1946. He faithfully served his country for 22 years. Upon retirement, he completed both a BS and MS degree at the University of Arkansas. Ben taught industrial education at Gardner Jr. High School in Russellville, Arkansas for 17 years. Ben was a kind and caring man who could fix anything. He loved to travel and see new sights.

Ben leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Joyce Grimes Thompson of Waldron, Arkansas, one daughter, Mechelle Bailey and husband Jeff of Fayetteville, Arkansas, one granddaughter, Madysen Bailey of Fayetteville, Arkansas and one step daughter, Susan Herald and husband Michael of Lake Country British Columbia Canada, and one sister, Ann Swaty of Friendswood, Texas. Ben will be missed by all who knew him and the many whose lives were impacted by him including a host of nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

Ben is preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Jerry Ammons Thompson,

his parents, Frank and Minnie Thompson, two brothers, Frank Thompson and John Thompson.

Ben's life celebration will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Waldron, Arkansas. Interment will follow in the Pilot Prairie Cemetery in Waldron, Arkansas. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas.

Ben's pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be gentlemen from Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Ben's visitation will be Wednesday, June 4, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ben Thompson Scholarship For Future Educators, c/o Russellville Community Scholarship Program, 2203 South Knoxville, Russellville, AR, 72802.

Cemetery Details

Pilot Prairie Cemetery

Pilot Prairie Road
Waldron, AR 72958

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home
1879 West 6th Street
Waldron, AR 72958
(479) 637*1212
info@heritagememorialfh.com

Celebration of Life

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ Ben was such a gentleman and a good friend.
My prayers are with the family.



Teresa Houston Culpepper - June 09, 2014 at 02:33 PM

DM

“ What a precious daughter and granddaughter to carry on the family legacy of a dear man. You are loved and prayed for.-- Debbie Matteri

Debbie Matteri - June 05, 2014 at 09:23 PM

BR

“ Ben and I taught together at Gardner Junior High School in Russellville for 13 years. For many of those years, we co-sponsored the National Junior Honor Society. Ben was one of the sweetest men I have ever known. He had such a kind spirit and set a stellar example for his students. He loved Mechelle with all his heart. He will be missed!

Becky Ritchie

Becky Ritchie - June 05, 2014 at 06:45 PM

DM

“ Donna Lynn Swaty Mathews purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Benjamin "Ben" M. Thompson.



Donna Lynn Swaty Mathews - June 04, 2014 at 10:30 AM

EE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you! Prayers and hugs!

Emily Ebbing - June 04, 2014 at 08:15 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Judy

Judy Chalene - June 03, 2014 at 09:21 PM

GE

“ Joyce, Our deepest sympathy is with you and Ben's family. Helen and I plan to come to the funeral. As you know, Ben was our step-uncle. Love, Gene Eddleman (Mena), Helen Eddleman Delligner (Mena), and Clayton and Lynn Eddleman (Hot Springs)

Gene Eddleman - June 03, 2014 at 05:36 PM

LG

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Ben. He was a special man. Linda Goodner

Linda Goodner - June 03, 2014 at 03:24 PM

AB

“ Prayers for Ben's family and friends.

Ann Bingham - June 03, 2014 at 02:43 PM

TT

“ Praying for your family.

Tom and Melissa Theodore - June 03, 2014 at 08:28 AM

CB

“ Mr. Thompson was my industrial ed teacher at Gardner Junior High many years ago. He was a good teacher and an even better example to all the boys that took his class. I know he will be missed by all. God bless.

Ches Bartlett

Ches Bartlett - June 03, 2014 at 08:02 AM

JM

“ I have such fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson when Mechelle and I were in college and after. They usually centered around Razorback football games. Mechelle and her daddy had a special bond. Our prayers for your good memories and God's presence to bring you peace and comfort at this time. Love, jawanda

Jawanda Mast - June 03, 2014 at 07:55 AM

RJ

“ I treasure the many times I visited with Ben at my Uncle Kelly's house and while bringing my kids to fish in the pond at Ben's house. I will always remember Ben as a kind, authoritative, generous person who was one of the most "positive" people I have ever had the pleasure to know. The last time I visited with Ben was at visting for Uncle Kelly's funeral.

Rick Jones

Rick Jones - June 02, 2014 at 03:02 PM

WR

“ With deepest sympathy.



Waldron Nursing Center Residents/Staff - June 02, 2014 at 02:01 PM