



Frank McDonald Thompson

July 28, 1939 - June 30, 2015

Beloved father and grandfather, Frank McDonald Thompson, 75, of Searcy, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. A Searcy native, Frank was born on July 28, 1939, to his beloved parents, the late Margaret and Maurice Thompson.

Frank built a career in banking and finance and proudly worked in the Little Rock business community for more than three decades. He held executive positions at Commonwealth Federal, Superior Federal, SALFASCO, Inc., including his lengthiest tenure as Vice President at First Federal Savings and Loan.

In addition to his work, Frank had a lifelong passion for music. His talent on the trombone won him the John Phillip Souza Award in high school, earned a scholarship to Ole Miss where he marched in three Sugar Bowls and a Cotton Bowl, and represented his university and country in the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium in 1958. He began his career leading high school and junior high bands in both Texas and Mississippi as band director, composed original scores, and inspired an appreciation for music in his children and grandchildren.

Frank always put family first, and they were the center of his life. He was happily married to the late Sandra Schillinger Thompson of Searcy for 48

years. He is survived by his brother Jim Thompson, of Searcy, his three sons, Todd A. Thompson, of Brentwood, Tennessee, CPT Steven V. Thompson, of Heber Springs, and Jeffrey P. Thompson, of Reno, Nevada. Frank was very proud of his ten grandchildren, Heather, 17, Zach, 16, Emily, 14, Jacob, 14, Courtney, 13, Lillian, 7, Elijah, 6, Aurora, 6, Sandra, 2, and Truckee, 1.

His love for life was infectious. When not at work, you could find Frank on the golf course. He hit the links at courses across the country, but it was at home where he made his greatest memory. On the second hole at Searcy Country Club, Frank made a hole-in-one. In addition to golf, he also enjoyed the lake, tinkering with his MG-B, and playing and watching sports with his sons.

A Celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 3, at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Friends and family are also welcome for Thursday evening visitation, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Tom Sneed, Dr. Joseph Wyble, and Arkansas hospice for their excellent care, service, and compassion. As an alternative to flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Todd, I am very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jackie Brantley*

Jackie Brantley - May 04, 2016 at 03:38 PM

TF

“ Dear Todd, I'm am sorry for your lose. I can't imagine how heavy you and your families heart is during this time. You have my prayers, love in Christ and support if needed. Peace, love and joy during this difficult time. It seems you were truly blessed!
Your Friend, Teresa. :)

Teresa Ferguson - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

JB

“ Todd, I am very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jackie Brantley*

Jackie Brantley - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

BT

“ Praying for your family. Frank and Sandy raised three fabulous boys . Family was always first, and a household full of love and laughter. Much love ... Barbara Johnson Taylor

Barbara Taylor - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

CS

“ Todd,

Rebecca and I are very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Your Dad was a great man and I am proud to have had the opportunity to meet him. I will always remember having the opportunity to share the excitement of an Ole Miss football game with him and your Mom at the Rebel's first appearance at the Music City Bowl.

Your Dad was very strong and courageous fighting a very tough illness for many years. I know he is in Heaven feeling much better with your Mom and looking down on all of you with tremendous love.

May time help heal your pain and sharpen your memories.

Love from us to all of you!!

Carlton and Rebecca

Carlton and Rebecca Smith - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

GD

“ Todd,

Sorry to hear about your dad. You have been in our prayers. This is very hard - lots of memories will flood your mind. Hope to see you once you return home.

Glynn

Glynn Dowdle - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

LP

“ *Todd and Whitney: Prayers for you and your family in your sorrow. May God bless you in this difficult time. I know he was a great person from knowing you. Love you.*

Lannie/Mary Patton - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*

Deanna

Deanna Wallace Hackler - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

ML

“ *Todd and Family,
Jeff and I are saddened to hear about your father passing away. And, after losing your sweet mother a short time ago. Please know that your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss!*

Melissa and Jeff Laseter - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

DJ

“ *Todd, just wanted you to know thoughts with you. Debbie Johnson @ office.*

Debbie Johnson - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM

KP

“ Dear Todd, Steve and Jeff,

*I am so sorry to learn of your dad's passing, He and Sandy were such good friends to my sister Bette and me back in Lampasas, TX. They helped us get to Ole Miss where we shared some of our most amazing memories of our college years.
God bless you all.*

Kathy (Smith) Paddock

Kathy (Smith) Paddock - February 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM