



Kingsley Prentiss Thompson

November 2, 1924 - November 4, 2013

Kingsley Prentiss Thompson, a thirteen-year resident of Greenspring Village in Springfield, Virginia, passed away at its Renaissance Gardens on November 4, 2013.

Kingsley, son of Charles Henry and Ethel Burnap Prentiss Thompson, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 2, 1924. He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-three years, Betty Jean Muir Thompson, and six children: Lydia Rice (Donald) of Rockville, MD, David Thompson (Julia) of Arlington, VA, Dr. Peter Thompson (Dr. Geraldine Schultz) of Glendale, CA, Timothy Thompson (Susan) of Purcellville, VA, Martha Thompson of Arlington, VA, and Priscilla Mika (Timothy) of Kingwood, TX. Kingsley was the devoted grandfather of fifteen grandchildren: Rebecca Rice, Stephanie Williams (Ryan), Daniel Rice, Deborah Savage (Brandon), Rachel Darg (Daniel), Jeffery Thompson, Jessica Thompson, Andrew Thompson, Nancy Noe (Brian), Jeanette Hansen (Matthew), Beth-Anne Merrell, Douglas Mika (deceased), Emily Mika, Sharon Mika, and Gregory Mika; and great-grandfather of Isabelle Susan Noe. A surviving sister, Ruth Bird (David), resides in Minneapolis, MN. Kingsley was pre-deceased by his sister Betty Cook (Gordon) and infant brother David.

A member of the WWII generation, Kingsley served with distinction in occupied Germany, in 'year zero' 1945, as a medical corps technician, 1265th Engineer Combat Battalion, and again in Washington, DC, in 1952, with the

Army Reserve medical corps. He received degrees from Case Institute of Technology (Cleveland) and University of Maryland (College Park).

Kingsley and Betty Jean met at the Church of the Covenant youth fellowship in Cleveland, OH, and were married at First Presbyterian in Jamestown, ND, on September 7, 1950. Prior to moving to Springfield, VA, Kingsley and Betty Jean lived in Arlington, VA, for forty-two years. Kingsley's career as a physicist and IT specialist was at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. His family was always his passion and continues as his legacy. He was a devoted member of several local churches, most recently at The Village Church at Greenspring. Willing to try new things, Kingsley played for a time in the hand bell choir at National Presbyterian Church. At Greenspring, his many interests included religious studies, chess and checkers, Shakespeare and Friday night movies.

Memorial service will be at 11 AM Saturday, November 23, 2013 at The Village Church at Greenspring, 7420 Spring Village Dr., Springfield, VA. Inurnment at Columbia Gardens, 3411 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA, at 11 AM, Monday, November 25, 2013.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greenspring Benevolent Care Fund, Greenspring Philanthropy, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, VA 22150 (703-923-3142) or The Village Church at Greenspring (<http://www.gsvillagechurch.org/about.html>), or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kingsley Prentiss Thompson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear about your recent passing. I know Mr. Thompson was a dear loved one. I didnt know Mr. Thompson personally but I just wanted to leave you and your family some encouraging words during this trying time. Even though the future looks grim the Bible brings out a time when death will be no more and soon we will see our dead relatives again. (Revelation 21:4, Acts 24:15) So, when you feel as if times are getting hard just turn to the Bible. I hope this message leaves some sort of encouragement and I'm praying for your family.*

November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad was always a big part of our lives. For all of the family milestones he was there, the graduations, the weddings, the grandchildren, for three generations. His presence will be missed, I will miss him, goodbye, Dad.*

November 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere sympathies on your loss. It has been many years since I played with Martha and Priscilla in your home in Arlington but I always remembered you all very fondly. May he rest in peace.*

Anne Riggs O'Brien

November 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Here are some nouns that describe Dad's life:

Son

Grandson

Apple of his Daddy's Eye

Cleveland, Ohio public school student

Comicstrip collector

College student

Cleveland, OH hospital medical orderly

World War II Veteran

Reservist

College student again

College graduate

Husband

Washingtonian

Father

Physicist

Computer programmmer

Christian

Virginian

Toastmaster

Thespian

Presbyterian

Methodist

Vacationer

Camper

Retiree

Chess player

Checker player

Parkinson's Disease Patient

Grandfather

Great-grandfather

Heaven resident

-- Lydia Rice, daughter

November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Kingsley was such a wonderful grandfather-in-law, and I am so proud that I was able to know such a great man. I am honored to call him family. May you forever rest in peace in the comfort of our Lord.

November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To: The Thompson Family.I am sorry for your lost.May your love for Kingsley and the memories he shared with you,may they comfort you to endure the days ahead.

November 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am the baby of Dad. Number 6. Dad was a kind, gentle and tolerant man. Dad was encouraging, supportive and a dreamer. Speaking of dreams, Dad was at the Martin Luther King speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963. I just found that out of few years ago, I am proud of that! I will MISS Dad and wish I could play one more game of chess!!!

November 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM