



Mr. Warren Thompson

February 28, 1922 - November 14, 2017

Warren Thompson, 95, of Valrico, Florida passed peacefully into eternity with his Lord on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Warren was a Marine on the USS Missouri in WWII when the peace treaty with Japan was signed. He went on to retire from the Army in 1962. In subsequent years he served as adjutant for the local American Legion.

Warren and his wife Mildred were active in many teaching and leadership roles at First Baptist Church of Brandon, including the ministry to seniors. Over the years Warren held a number of roles in churches in which he was a member, working with youth and adults equally well and also holding many key leadership positions, including serving on the Board of Deacons. He and Mildred were founding members of a large Baptist church in Huntsville, Alabama and attended an off base Baptist chapel in Germany. They found a church for their family wherever they were located. In his older years Warren spent many hours visiting those who were shut in and sick or in nursing homes. Even when Mildred had Alzheimer's he would take her with him to visit.

Their volunteering also extended to over 25 years with Meals on Wheels as a couple and to volunteering with Stepping Stone Farm for 11 years.

Warren loved to see people get together and was instrumental in making sure his family had regular reunions. As his life became more confined due to Mildred's illness, he liked to see gatherings at his home which included caregivers, family, and friends. There were lots of reasons to celebrate and he

would ask his daughter Pat to see that they occurred.

Those who knew Warren were aware that he loved to grow things. His beautiful and uniquely landscaped yard was a testament to his ability and creativity in the field of horticulture. Besides growing plants for his own use, Warren used his homegrown nursery stock to landscape several buildings in the Brandon/Plant City area and was always giving away plants to anyone who asked.

Another of Warren's hobbies was reading. Because he was so widely read, he could discuss medicine, technical fields, history, math, philosophy, religion, and science. Not always serious, Warren loved the jokes in Reader's Digest and some of the comic strips in the Sunday paper. At one point he made themed albums of comics to share with people he visited.

Though he never played an instrument, he spent hours listening to music and made sure that music was piped into his home and yard. He loved to have singing in the house and many times requested that his daughters sing to Mildred while he listened. This past summer his hospice chaplain was even encouraged to join his daughters and caregiver in singing to him!

Warren was in his 60s when grandchildren arrived and he loved playing with them and thinking of things they might like—for instance, a homemade album of comics! Stephen and Jonathan spent many hours looking at those comics. Warren didn't write many letters but as the grandsons grew older, he would write every so often to share advice from a life well-lived, always with the desire to encourage them.

Warren was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Mildred. He is survived by one brother, Hubbard Thompson of Texas and by his children Pat and (Wayne) Tope of Valrico, and Rowena and (Paul) Martin of McHenry, Illinois, his two grandsons, Jonathan Martin and Stephen Martin, and Stephen's four children, Kadin, Caleb, Calie, and Jaxon.

A celebration of Warren's life, with a reception to follow, will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at

10:00 A.M. A graveside committal with military honors will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 10:00 A.M. at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

Bushnell, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

NOV 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Warren Thompson



Hopewell Funeral Home - November 18, 2017 at 10:53 PM



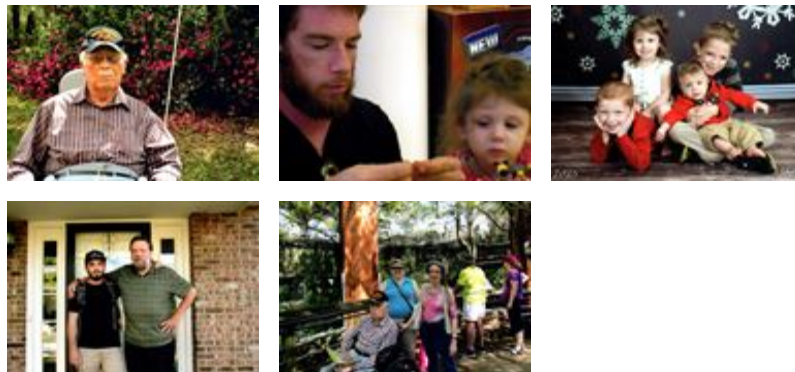
“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rowena & Pat and your family. We have many memories of Uncle Warren in his backyard for all the reunions. And so many other times. We are rejoicing that he knew the Lord so well and is enjoying all the benefits that heaven offers, including the many family members who have gone before. We are unable to attend the services, but please know that we will be thinking of you. Blessings to all of you during this difficult time.

*Jim & Linda Letizia
Philip, Jenny, Oliver & Jane Letizia
Stephen, Sandra & Victoria Letizia*

Linda Letizia - November 20, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - November 18, 2017 at 09:49 PM



“ *John and Margaret Wolf purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Warren Thompson.*



John and Margaret Wolf - November 18, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ *My brother-in-law Warren Thompson was one of the finest men I ever had the privilege of knowing. His love for books and music was legendary.*

The world has lost a wonderful human being. We will miss you, Warren.

Raymond

Raymond Harris - November 16, 2017 at 03:28 PM

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“ Hubbard, Elaine and Rick Thompson purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. Warren Thompson.



Hubbard, Elaine and Rick Thompson - November 15, 2017 at 05:06 PM

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“ From the Texas Thompson Group - we are sadden to hear of Uncle Warren's passing - as my father's (Hubbard) only remaining sibling time passing is slowing sending all these great people upward and onward - he will be missed by everyone - our hearts are with you all - love Hubbard, Elaine and Rick

elaine fallin - November 15, 2017 at 04:57 PM

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“ I have too many memories of Uncle Warren to pick a favorite but he was my second Daddy. I spent many days with Rowena and Pat growing up, was included in many church activities, and went many places with them. He was able to be with my Dad when Jim and I were building our house and they would go thru and make sure it was being done right! I am sure he is rejoicing with Aunt Mildred again, walking and talking and having a good time. I will never forget you.

Cathy LaGarde - November 15, 2017 at 12:42 PM