



Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson

September 14, 1940 - June 20, 2023

North Augusta, SC – Memorial Services for Mr. Eric P. “Buck” Thompson, 82, who entered into rest June 20, 2023, will be conducted Friday afternoon at 1 o’clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel with Dr. Stephen Cutchins, Dr. Randy Cooper, and Rev. Craig Baynham officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service from 12 until 1 o’clock.

Mr. Thompson was born September 14, 1940, to the late Wilbert Thompson and Kathleen Graham Thompson. He was a lifelong resident of North Augusta and graduated from North Augusta High School. Mr. Thompson was a member of First Baptist Church of North Augusta and retired as Executive Director of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments in Aiken. Throughout his career he was a natural leader and visionary, bringing individuals, local and state governments, together to improve the lives of citizens of all ages. Mr. Thompson played an integral role in each project in which he was involved, however one of his proudest career achievements was the formation of the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority, a nine-county solid waste management agency that promotes efficient and environmentally responsible waste handling disposal. In his retirement, he continued to serve on local boards and organizations who sought his guidance to solve local problems. Upon his retirement he was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded by the Governor of South Carolina to persons who demonstrate extraordinary lifetime achievement, service, and contributions of

national and statewide significance.

Mr. Thompson was active in his community and had a passion for living life to its fullest. From a young age he was an aviation enthusiast and later became licensed as a private and commercial pilot. His desire to serve others, coupled with his love for flying, led him to organize the Sun Down Patrol. This organization served as a civilian search and rescue team, which aided the Coast Guard and other agencies in assisting boaters and fishermen in emergency situations which saved many lives through the years. Mr. Thompson had an affinity for the water and loved his time spent at Clarks Hill with his family. He was also a talented skier and even participated in a Cypress Gardens Water Ski Show in Florida. On his 70th birthday, he flew his plane, barefoot skied, and played golf all on the same day. Mr. Thompson's greatest passion was the game of golf. He had a love for the game and enjoyed every moment he spent on the golf course. Mr. Thompson's last round of golf was one week ago, when he suffered a heart attack while playing at the River Club in North Augusta. He was doing what he loved when the Lord needed him home in heaven.

Surviving family members left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife of 56 years, Carol Thompson; two sons, Scotty (Tonia) Thompson of North Augusta, SC; Andy (Missy) Thompson of North Augusta, SC, and; five grandchildren, Morgan Thompson, Madison Thompson, Taylor (Ben) Smith, Brooklyn Thompson, and Drew Thompson; and a sister, Faye (Holt) Grantham of Aiken, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of North Augusta, 625 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841 or to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson



Posey Funeral Directors - June 23, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson



Posey Funeral Directors - June 22, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Sending prayers for Carol and the family. I remember Buck's great personality and his love of golf. Doug, my husband loved to golf with Buck. I was out of town and missed his service. Praying for God to stay by Carol. 🙏

Dee Adkins - June 26, 2023 at 04:49 PM

RO

“ Just heard about Buck's passing. That would have been a funeral I would have wanted to go to. Worked with him in the mid to late 60's as Betty and I have know Buck and Carol for many years. Really going to miss his rare form of humor. We will be praying for Carol and family. Roger & Betty Davis

Roger - June 26, 2023 at 12:50 PM

DS

“ Dianne Smiley lit a candle in memory of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson



Dianne Smiley - June 26, 2023 at 07:21 AM

JP

“ Thompson family and friends:
So very sorry to hear of Buck's passing.
He was the ultimate example of how a person should live and enjoy life. A gifted athlete and competitor who truly valued sportsmanship and team spirit.
He touched and enriched my life and countless others.
I pray in the midst of your deep sorrow you find comfort in the cherished loving memories you shared.
Jerry Priestley- Marietta, GA

Jerry Priestley - June 24, 2023 at 06:20 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear about Buck. We graduated from high school together and played football many years together. I would have been at the funeral if I had known sooner. May God be with Carol and family.

David Rucker - June 24, 2023 at 09:56 AM

AM

“ Andy, Missy, Taylor, Brooklyn, & Drew, our hearts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
All of our love, Ann & Katherine

Ann Mariano - June 23, 2023 at 09:55 AM

CL

“ Sandi and I were so saddened to learn of Buck's passing. Our prayers go out to Carol , Scotty and Andy along with warm memories of our times together as neighbors on Courtney Drive. Also fond memories of Buck's wonderful mother who as a devoted patient of mine years ago often would come without any shoes for her office visit. Sandi and Chip Lorch Beaufort S.C.

Chip Lorch - June 23, 2023 at 08:33 AM

SH

“ Eric was my partner in a Cessna 182 aircraft. I can't think of flying without recalling the many hours we cruised the blue skies of Southeastern America. He will be sorely missed as a fellow pilot and as a friend. Rest in Peace!

Stephen Homoki - June 22, 2023 at 11:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.*



June 22, 2023 at 05:56 PM



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“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - June 22, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.



June 22, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Was a privilege to know Eric and work with him on matters relating to the Lower Savannah COG and Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority. As a board member of both organizations I found his guidance and counsel invaluable. Also fortunate to have played golf with him and get a few pointers on how to improve my game. A fine man that blest so many in his community, region and state. Rest in peace my friend.

Keith Sloan - June 22, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ There are no words to make this loss any easier, just know that so many people remember Buck as a wonderful friend. He and Jim spent many hours together as they worked within the county government. Buck had a very large impact on Aiken County over his years of service.

Carolyn Baggott - June 22, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Condolences to the family.

*Judge Sheridan (Danny) Lynn
North Augusta Magistrate
Aiken County*

Judge Danny Lynn - June 22, 2023 at 12:05 PM

RS

“ I've known Buck from high school. He was a fine Christian man. I was privileged to have been a friend and former golfer. Ralph Sapp

Ralph Sapp - June 22, 2023 at 09:52 AM

TS

“ So sorry to hear this Andy. Prayers for you and your family.

Terry Sizemore - June 22, 2023 at 09:23 AM

LW

“ Lois Hughes and Tyler Wilson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.



Lois Hughes and Tyler Wilson - June 22, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.



June 22, 2023 at 08:14 AM

RW

“ May God bless this family in this time of sorrow.

Robert Whatley - June 22, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.

June 21, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ I was privileged to be able to call Buck Thompson my friend. Buck's zest for life and family values, was the true example of how a life on earth should be lived. He has set the bar high for all of us to follow. RIP my friend.

John Decker - June 21, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ So very sorry Carol, Andy and Scotty for your loss. May the Lord be with you and give you strength during this difficult time.

frances Stevens - June 21, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ Mr. Thompson was also instrumental for bringing public transportation to the city of North Augusta. The Best Friend Express still helps the elderly and disabled with transportation to vital resources such as grocery, medical centers and post office. I think of Mr. Buck every time I see one in North Augusta.

Dean Williams - June 21, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ Praying for this precious family during this difficult time. May the memories of him bring you smiles...

Jennifer Stone-Harley - June 21, 2023 at 05:10 PM

DF

“Denise Blystone & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.

Denise Blystone & Family - June 21, 2023 at 04:58 PM

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“Denise Blystone & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.



Denise Blystone & Family - June 21, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Phillip "Buck" Thompson.



June 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM