



Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.

June 5, 1935 - June 3, 2018

Calvert Elmer Thompson, Sr., answered the call of the Lord on June 3, 2018. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Born the fifth child of Lemuel Alexander Thompson Sr. and Annie Inez Baxter Thompson on June 5, 1935, in Dominion, MD, grew up working with his father and brothers in the family boat building and repair business. Later as the Thompson boys grew to adulthood, Calvert caught the racing bug and competed along with his brothers, Lem Jr. and Jack, in POD hydroplane racing along the East Coast. He won the East Coast Championship in 1955 and '56 racing his POD "Wild Cat" 045. In 1955, he was inducted into the Gulf Marine Hall of Fame. He won 45 trophies in his five-year racing career and won High Point Plaque for Region 4 as well as for the Nation. He retired from hydroplane racing, thinking that he should give up dangerous activity in favor of fatherhood. In 1965, he purchased the property next to his family homestead and carried on Thompson's Boatyard for 36 years.

He was a quietly generous man, passing on much of his wisdom and kindness to his fellow watermen, friends, family, and community. He would take food to people down on their luck and feed them before sitting down to the table himself. He cut many a bill for a struggling waterman. "Callie" as his dear friends called him was quick witted and a great practical joker. Once he relocated the "My Lynn" and listened intently on the next boat to hear all the

scuttle about where the boat could be.

Callie was an inventor. He filled many little notebooks with ideas of inventions to make things easier to do. He invented "Ice Eaters" and used them in the winter on his piers to break the ice around the pilings. Callie invented a crab picker that used compressed air to blow the crab meat out of the shell. Callie and his brother Jack once invented an oyster shocker. This was a contraption to shock the shell open.

Callie was a carver; he carved ducks and made lamps. He made doll furniture. He built wooden skiffs and could fix anything. He even found a way to charge non-rechargeable batteries. Though, his family was a little fearful at the potential hazard of doing this.

Callie loved to fish, boat, build, and teach what he had learned to others. For several years, he competed in the local workboat races, piloting the last workboat built by his father to amazing 1st place finishes. His highest speed clocked at 43 mph, not bad for a 33 ft wooden workboat.

On June 29th 1957, Calvert married Rebecca Mae Boulden in Stevensville, MD. They enjoyed almost 61 years together.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Deborah Langrell and son-in-law Chris; son, Calvert "Butterball" Thompson and wife Phyllis; beloved daughter-in-law, Rebecca Thompson; grandchildren, Daniel Hull and wife Cindy, Bradley Hull, and wife Bobbi Jo, Brenda Young and husband Kyle, Valerie Lozado, and husband Willie, Sarah Britt and husband Lawrence, Joshua Thompson and Lydia Ann Thompson; great-grandchildren, Natalie Hull (Daniel & Cindy); Callie Hull, Wyatt Wilhoit, Samantha Wilhoit (Bradley & Bobbi Jo); Shelby Young, Chloe Young, Allie Young (Brenda & Kyle), Isabella Lozado, Kathy Lozado (Valerie & Willie); great-great-grandson, River Curtis (Shelby); a

sister-in-law, Kay Thompson; and brother-in-law, Aulby Bates.

He was predeceased by his beloved youngest son, Joseph Thompson, on October 14, 2014; his brothers, Lemuel Thompson Jr., Marvin "Buck" Thompson, William "Jack" Thompson, and sister ,Merle Bates.

Pall Bearers are: Daniel Hull, Bradley Hull, Frankie Crouch, Willie Lozado, Butch Young, Freddie Baxter.

Honorary Pall Bearers are as follows: Ronnie Horney, Bucky Thompson, Louie Kelley, and Joshua Thompson.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018, from 6-8 pm, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. Services will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 1 pm, at Island Alliance Church, Stevensville, MD. Burial will be privately held in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Hackerman-Patz Patient and Family Pavilion, The Joanne and Norman Rockwell Residential Living Program, 301 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

JUN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Island Alliance Church
510 Thompson Creek Road
Stevensville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 06, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dani Woodhurst lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*



Dani Woodhurst - July 09, 2018 at 08:44 PM

GC

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.



Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - June 11, 2018 at 02:53 PM

GJ

“ To Butterball and family,
Those of us from a vanishing breed of Chesapeake Bay
boatbuilders families stick together at times like this.
I'm glad to know you and call you a friend.
Gary Jones, Easton
Grandson of Walter Jones, son of Orval Jones
Boatbuilders in Wittman, Maryland

Gary Jones - June 09, 2018 at 08:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr..



June 07, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr..



June 07, 2018 at 09:56 AM

JB

“ James Boulden sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.



James Boulden - June 06, 2018 at 08:32 PM

JB

Rest in peace Uncle Calvert

James Boulden - June 06, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr..



June 06, 2018 at 10:08 AM

AH

“ Angel & Mike Huffman lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.



Angel & Mike Huffman - June 06, 2018 at 06:37 AM

DM

“ *Deb And Mooch lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*



Deb and Mooch - June 05, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr..*



June 05, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr..*



June 05, 2018 at 02:40 PM

DD

“ *Donald J. Dill & Sister Cynthia S Dill lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*



Donald J. Dill & sister Cynthia S Dill - June 05, 2018 at 08:46 AM

VC

“ Valerie At Maryland Primary Care lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.



Valerie at Maryland Primary Care - June 05, 2018 at 08:39 AM

HD

“ Howard & Doris Donovan lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.



Howard & Doris Donovan - June 05, 2018 at 07:14 AM

HO

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family during this time.

Howard - June 05, 2018 at 07:15 AM

CL

“ Christy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.



Christy Lowe - June 04, 2018 at 07:49 PM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*



Jim Ewing - June 04, 2018 at 07:33 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia Goodman lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*



Cynthia Goodman - June 04, 2018 at 06:19 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Calvert Elmer Thompson Sr.*



Kim Honeycutt - June 04, 2018 at 04:22 PM