



J. West Thompson, Jr.

January 28, 1916 - March 25, 2010

Born in Centreville, MD on January 28, 1916, he was the son of the late, J. West and Nellye Seward Thompson. He graduated from Centreville High School in 1934 and attended Beacom College in Wilmington, DE. He then served three years with Company K of the Maryland National Guard. Mr. Thompson was employed by the C. T. Williams Co., investment bankers in Baltimore from January 1935 until August 1942 when he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was honorably discharged in 1945 in Philadelphia, PA a petty officer first class. Following his discharge he entered into business with his father, who operated Thompson's Pharmacy in Centreville. Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin appointed him trial magistrate for Queen Anne's County in 1951. On June 15, 1960 he began employment with the MD State Dept. of Parole and Probation as a Parole Officer I. He was assigned to supervise parolees and probationers in Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties. In 1971, he was promoted to Supervisor of the upper five counties of the Eastern Shore and held that position until his retirement from state service in 1978. He also served as Centreville Town Commissioner from April 1979 until January 1980, at which time he was appointed to the position of a part-time Court Commissioner for the District Court of MD. He resigned in 1982 to enjoy full time retirement

Mr. Thompson was a dedicated volunteer with Centreville's Goodwill Fire Co., which he joined in 1932 and served over the years as President, Vice

president, Secretary, Chief, and a Director. He was chairman of the committee that brought the first ambulance service to Centerville in 1950. He headed the ambulance program until 1960. He is a past President of the Kent and Queen Anne's Fire Association. In 2000 he was inducted into the Maryland State Fireman's Association Hall of Fame. In 2008 MSFA President, Paul Sterling recognized Mr. Thompson at the Annual State Convention as being the oldest active firefighter in Maryland at age 92, with 76 years of fire service. In 1988 he was inducted into the Delmarva Volunteer Fireman Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Kent Island Yacht Club, a former charter member of the Centerville Lions Club, a life member of the Eastern Shore Police Association, the Queen Anne's County Sportsman Club, American Legion, Jeff Davis Post #18, and the Centerville United Methodist Church

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Anthony Thompson, whom he married on Aug. 24, 1949; one son, James West Thompson III. of Centerville; two daughters, Nancy A. Lewis of Greenbelt, MD and Sandra L. Metz of New Castle DE; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchild.

Friends may call on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Centerville, MD from 4 – 8 PM. The family will receive fire service personnel from 7 – 8 PM.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the Centerville United Methodist Church with full Fire Department Honors.

Internment will be in Chesterfield Cemetery, Centerville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company, 212 Broadway, Centerville, MD 21617 or Centerville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Road, Centerville, MD 21617 or Hospice of Queen Anne's Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centerville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *J. West Thompson, Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *J. West Thompson, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *J. West Thompson, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jim, Sandy, Nancy.....Your dad was a respected and great man. Our community has lost a great friend. God has placed me working at Corsica Hills and that gives me the honor of spending time and helping friends . The day before he passed away Mr. West was giving the nurses a hard time..... imagine that :) because he wanted to see "his girl", so I took him down the hall to Mrs Kitty's room and he sat in the chair and held her hand for about an hour, I'm so glad I was able to give them that memory. He will always be remembered for his giving spirit, his unselfish attitude about helping others. I will miss his smile and laugh. May God give you peace in this time of sorrow. Billy and Terri Schelhouse##imported-begin##Terri Schelhouse##imported-end##*

April 02, 2010 at 01:38 PM



“ Jimmy

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. It has been a lifetime since I have seen your Dad, but reading about him in the paper ALL the time through the years made it seem as though our friendship continued. Please tell your Mom and sisters we send our condolences. Your family has lost its leader and Centreville has lost a pillar of its community. God Bless all!##imported-begin##Holly and Wheeler##imported-end##

April 01, 2010 at 09:20 AM



“ To the Thompson family, I am so sadden by the passing of Mr. West. We met when Miss Kitty came to Corsica a few years back. He knew my name was Clara but along the way he had forgotten it and started calling me Grace, he said "I looked like a Grace". Then later on he just call me "my friend" his words. I will miss him and will charish his memorys as well. I feel as though I am a friend to all of you. Thank you for letting me share my feeling and friendship. Clara##imported-begin##Clara lockwood##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 11:46 PM



“ Nancy, Sandy and Jimmy
Carol and I want to wish all of you our deepest sympathies and prayers for West. He was a good man who helped many of us over the years. Especially me in my years as a teen. I have lots of fond memories. I'm sorry we cannot be with you.##imported-begin##Carol and John Murray##imported-end##

March 29, 2010 at 09:28 AM



“ Dear Thompson Family:

We were sad to hear the news of Mr. Thompson's passing. He and Miss Kitty were friends of Bob's parents many years ago on C-Dock at Piney Narrows Yacht Haven and fellow members of the Kent Island Yacht Club. Later, when we moved to Centreville, we attended Centreville U.M. Church together. Our son Michael always enjoyed talking about fire engines with Mr. West and Mr. West was very happy to share with him. He was a wonderful man, and will be greatly missed by so many people. Bob's father passed away the day after Mr. Thompson, so perhaps they are talking about boats up in Heaven right now.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

*The Cimba Family##imported-begin##Bob and Dianne
Cimba##imported-end##*

March 28, 2010 at 11:43 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Howard remembers Wes as the first one on the ambulance when ever it went out.

During Howard's time as MSP office he worked with Wes.

*Howard and Doris Ann Donovan##imported-begin##Howard and
Doris Ann Donovan##imported-end##*

March 28, 2010 at 08:51 PM



“ Dear Thompson Family: So sorry to hear about Mr. Thompson. He will truly be missed by many.

Jim & Jean Welch###imported-begin##Jim & Jean Welch###imported-end##

March 28, 2010 at 07:44 PM



“ West Thompson was one of the first "non-elected" officials we had the good fortune to meet when Scott arrived in Centreville in 1981 as the newly appointed Town Manager. He quickly became the kind of friend you never forget even after a physical separation of over 20 years. West and "Miss Kitty" shaped the direction of our lives in such a positive way it is nearly impossible to put into words. There was always a "good word" and strong support from the Thompsons, even when times were tough.

The world IS a much better place because of the 91 years J. West Thompson was here! God bless the Thompson family!###imported-begin##Scott and Elen Hancock###imported-end##

March 28, 2010 at 05:19 PM



“ To the Thompson Family: Our sincere sympathy is extended to you at this time in the loss of one of our loyal members of the Centreville United Methodist Church. His smiling face and love for others will be missed by many. He had a wonderful life and lived it to the fullest.

God Bless all of you. His love and dedication to the church will never be forgotten. The Centreville United Methodist Women###imported-begin##Centreville United Methodist Women###imported-end##

March 27, 2010 at 09:43 PM



“ To the Thompson Family,
Im so sorry for your loss Im going to miss my dear "54" We have shared many great memories, and I am honored to know just an amazing man. The ten years that i have worked at Edwards "54" and I have been great friends . With his charming smile and his amazing personality he always seem to brighten my day .##imported-begin##Amanda Leager##imported-end##

March 27, 2010 at 09:28 PM



“ The thought of some people always seem to put a smile on your face, Wes was one of them. Every time Wes would see me he would tease me about how many times a night I use to wake him up in the middle of the night and have him come out to "see" someone I had arrested. As a young Trooper at the time, Wes always made me feel comfortable. Although my elder, he always showed me respect as a Maryland State Trooper. Queen Anne's County and the State of Maryland have lost a great friend. I'm glad to see that he is finally home for a well deserved rest. "I won't wake you up this time Wes"

Earl Beville##imported-begin##Earl Beville##imported-end##

March 27, 2010 at 05:28 AM



“ To the Thompson Family: What a sad day in Centreville, but what wonderful memories we all have of Mr. West. He will always be remembered for his love life, people, family, church and the fire company. Those of us who knew him for many years, really looked up to him as someone that could answer many questions and receive great guidance. We will surely miss his smiling face and love for others. It has been a trying few years for him not being able to have Ms. Kitty at home, but he never missed a day to see her and showed his love. God has another angel in heaven and he will be looking down on all of us making sure our lives are lived to the fullest. Mr. West you were a wonderful gentleman and loved by everyone. We will surely miss you, but will never be forgotten. Gene and Lynda Palmatary###imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary###imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 08:47 PM



“ God Bless You Mr. Thompson###imported-begin##Marion L Chance###imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 08:46 PM



“ Sorry to hear of West's passing. He had a long full life and touched many peoples lives.###imported-begin##William E. (Tom) Thompson IV###imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 07:04 PM



“ Jimmy, Nancy and Sandy - Mother and I wish we could be there with you. We have lots of wonderful memories of "Little West" and Mother will especially miss their phone conversations. Our thoughts and love are with you.##imported-begin##Linda Murray Boring##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 04:28 PM



“ Mr. Wes will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers will be with his family during the difficult time.##imported-begin##Paul and Dawn Jone##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 03:14 PM



“ Mr. West lived life to the fullest. He was active in his community and gave countless hours for the benefit of others. This did not stop in his later years as he became a caregiver for the love of his life- his wife. He was deeply saddened when he could no longer care for her at home and she was admitted to Corsica Hills, but he continued to visit daily and made sure her needs were met. I extend my sympathy to his family and his fire company family. He will be missed, but what he has been able to accomplish will remain with us forever. We will miss him at our monthly caregiver's support group meetings. Even at his age, he was willing to learn all he could that might help him better understand Ms. Kitty's disease and accepted pointers on providing her care with compassion, dignity, and love. What a man!!!

Jane Anthony

QAC Dept. of Aging##imported-begin##Jane Anthony##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 02:25 PM



“ Jimmy, Nancy and Sandy. I will miss that man! He hired me at P&P in 1967 and was wonderful to work with and we had a lot of fun during those years. He has had a wonderful life and was so very special. He talked about all of you often, so I feel that I know all of you. Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joyce Benton##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 02:06 PM



“ Our thoughts go out to you on this day.
Mr. Wess was a great man and friend we will miss him alot.##imported-begin##Butch & Bev Dadds##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 01:05 PM