



Gene Henry Thompson

January 27, 1930 - June 22, 2014

Gene Henry Thompson 84, died June 22, 2014, after a long battle with strokes and Parkinson disease. He was born on a farm in the community of Harmon, January 27, 1930. The oldest of five children born to H. Arch and Christle (Featherston) Thompson. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother, Paul J. Thompson. He attended elementary school in the Harmon community, graduated Springdale High School in 1947, where he served as class president his senior year. Gene spent his first year of college at Hendrix in Conway and graduated from University of Arkansas in 1952. He did his post graduate work at LSU, graduating in 1969. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Springdale and was a past member of its board, serving as Treasurer.

The First National Bank hired him as their Note Teller in December of 1952 and he was advanced several times during those first years, joining the board in 1961. He

became president of First National in 1980 and retired in 2001, after 49 years of employment. During his banking career he served on numerous committees and boards with the Junior and Senior Banking Associations. He was a highly respected banker throughout the state. He served on the board and/or held an office for the Library, Shiloh Museum, Boy Scouts of America and the Little League. He served on the hospital board from 1983 until it sold and discontinued its non-profit status. He was a member of the Rodeo Board, served on the city's Industrial Committee for many years and was Trustee for the city Employees Pension Trust. Gene was a member of the Lions Club and held many offices, becoming President in 1961. He also served in many capacities for the Rotary Club. He was a charter member of the Jaycee's, holding most offices, including president. While a member of the Jaycee's he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award in 1983 and was later honored as Boss of the Year and still later, received the Pioneer Citizens Award. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce he headed most of their committees over the years and was president in 1985. He worked tirelessly with the committee to raise money for small colleges in the state. He was a member of the Neoka Region Sports Car Club of America, where he participated in many events with his

MG sports

car. Another hobby gave him the opportunity to serve as secretary of Portfolio #18 of the

Photographers Society of America. Gene was an avid golfer and served on the local

country club board several times. He enjoyed fishing for many years, collected coins,

was a great amateur photographer, enjoyed sports car events and collecting wine. He

shared his wine hobby by hosting a trip to Napa Valley for his siblings and gave many

wine tastings for his friends. He and Georgia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

by taking their children, spouses and grandson to the same area.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Georgia (McCoy) Thompson, one son, Steven

Gene Thompson of Carl Junction, MO., two daughters, Tami JoAnn Shuck and Karen

Kay Thompson both of Springdale. One grandson, Tanner Thompson Shuck also of

Springdale. A chosen daughter, Cheryl K. Duncan and a chosen son, Charlie L.

Strickland, both of Springdale. Two brothers, Bill L. Thompson and wife, Joyce of

Jonesboro, AR. and Jack L. Thompson and wife, Rumi of Dallas, TX. One sister, Vicki

A. Baab and husband Bill of Dallas, TX. One sister-in-law, Glenna M.

Thompson of

Springdale, and several nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces

and many
friends and co-workers.

The Thompson family wishes to express gratitude and thanks to the caregivers who attended Gene during his many strokes and Parkinson condition. Also the staff at The Maples, especially the employees on the 500 wing, provided excellent care during his final months.

A memorial service, under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale will be 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at First United Methodist Church in Springdale with the Reverends David Freeman and Judy VanHoose officiating. At the request of the deceased, donations, in lieu of flowers, should be directed to the Barnes Jewish Hospital General Liver Fund, 1001 Highlands Plaza Dr W. STE 140, St. Louis, MO 63110, the First United Methodist Foundation, 206 W. Johnson Avenue, Springdale, AR 72764 or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762.

Online condolences may be made to www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
206 W. Johnson Ave.
Springdale, AR 72764
info@firstchurchspringdale.org
<http://www.firstchurchspringdale.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Henry Thompson*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Thank You for the kindness you showed me, The understanding and the small talks we shared at the Springdale Country Club while you wait for your wife and sweet dog to pick you up,I miss that a lot.You will truly be missed by all.*

Angela

ANGELA FAULKNER - June 25, 2014 at 04:05 PM



Angela Miss Gigi and I will miss those times also! Gene was truly a sweet , pleasant man to everyone. Thanks for remembering the good times and we appreciate your attendance at his service.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 08:54 AM



“ *I just learned of Gene's passing yesterday. Growing up in the Harmon community I spent many times playing basketball in the side yard at the Thompson home.*

Please accept our sincere condolences.

*Ron & Melanie Routh
Santa Clara, CA.*

Ron Routh - June 25, 2014 at 04:04 PM

GT

Ron and Melanie - Gene had a great time growing up in the Harmon community! He told many wonderful stories about family and friends from that area. Thanks for your kind words.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 08:57 AM

JF

“ *Georgia, just saw Gene's obituary. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. At least Gene is at rest and will suffer no more. Also, I really appreciated you being at Mom's Memorial last year.*
Judy (Tucker) Fullington

Judy Fullington - June 25, 2014 at 10:40 AM

GT

Judy how sweet of you to take the time to share our grief. Your mom was so special to our family, as a friend and the best nurse that Springdale ever had!

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 08:59 AM

TM

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God heal your hearts and sustain you with wonderful memories. My family will continue to stand in prayer for your family.*

Tanya May

Tanya May - June 25, 2014 at 09:55 AM

GT

Tanya we appreciate your thoughts and prayers. And yes, we all have wonderful memories to recall during our difficult times. Thanks for attending his service.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:01 AM

DE

“ Georgia, Tammy, Karen, & Steven, My prayers are with you during your loss. Gene, in my books, was a true gentleman. I am thankful that our paths crossed many years ago. God bless you all.

Donna Easley - June 25, 2014 at 09:17 AM

GT

Donna we agree Gene was certainly a gentleman and truly a gentle man!

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:02 AM

CI

“ Georgia,
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Gene was a special man, and loved by lots of people other than just his family.
I have fond memories of both Gene and you....and your wonderful Children.
Our prayers are with you now, as I know Gene is in a far better place and we all rejoice with him. I can just see him having a cup of coffee with my Daddy.
God be with you at this time to comfort you.
Fran & Cindy (Poling) Strawser

Cindy(Poling)Strawser - June 24, 2014 at 10:58 PM

GT

Cindy we, like you, hope Gene and your dad have shared their cup of coffee and had a great conversation! Thank you for your prayers and attending his service.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:04 AM

DB

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. I'm an old First National Bank employee. I will never forget Mr. T. That's all I ever called him and always got the biggest smiles everytime. I'm saying some prayers for all of you.

God Bless You All and Keep The Faith.

Jim and Doris Boyd (Taylor).

Doris Boyd - June 24, 2014 at 09:18 PM

GT

Doris Thanks so much for your prayers. Gene always felt the First National employees were his second family and feel sure he was as sweet and gentle with all of you like he was with us.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:07 AM

MD

“ Dear Georgia, Tammy, Karen and Steven, I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I will always have your family in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.

Mercedes DeWitt, Birmingham, Alabama

Mercedes DeWitt - June 24, 2014 at 04:16 PM

GT

Mercedes how good to hear from you! We did not know you were in Alabama now! Our family has good memories of you and we do appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:09 AM

SH

“ I am very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was a thoughtful and wonderful person to work with at First National. He made the workplace feel like working for family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sarah Hamm

Sarah Hamm - June 24, 2014 at 02:53 PM

GT

Sarah we appreciate your prayers. Gene loved his work at First National and as we have said before, he truly felt like all of you were a second family. Many days you spent more hours at the bank than you did at home.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:12 AM

BW

“ Coming from the same Harmon community, I've known Gene all my life - I cannot remember a time when there wasn't a Gene Thompson. Condolences to all of the family. He will be missed by many...

Bill Wright - June 24, 2014 at 02:41 PM

GT

Thanks for your kind words. The good memories will always be with us.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:13 AM

WR

“ My thoughts are with the family.
Wilbur Maurice Rankin

Wilbur Maurice Rankin - June 24, 2014 at 01:43 PM

GT

Gene often talked about your family and all the people living in Harmon as he grew up and had great memories and stories to share with us.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:15 AM

JT

“ *I remember when Gene interviewed me for a position back in 1989 at FNB Springdale. I sat across from him at his desk which overflowed with books, papers, memos... and he puffed on his pipe while we talked. I appreciated his leadership for the few years we worked together...*

Jeff Thames - June 24, 2014 at 01:02 PM

GT

Yes he loved smoking his pipes! He quit smoking after his first stroke but kept all his pipes until last December. He said he just liked to look at them and remember the taste!

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:18 AM

TR

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

Tom and Lynn Reed

Tom Reed - June 24, 2014 at 12:47 PM

GT

Thank you so much - we never have enough prayers and we appreciate your thoughts.

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:20 AM

PC

“ I only knew Gene as a child but I remember him fondly as being such a kind man, with a kind face. Hugs and prayers go out to Georgia, Steve, Tammy, Karen, and the rest of the family.

Pam Cowan - June 24, 2014 at 12:15 PM

GT

Pam how nice of you to remember us and yes he was a kind man. Heaven is an even better place now that he has arrived!

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:21 AM

KB

“ One of my fondest memories of Gene was when I just started working the Dictaphone at First National. One of my first letters was a letter from him. I made some really crazy mistakes and he patiently sent it back to me to correct. I enjoyed working for him during my time at First National. He always came in and spoke to everyone with a smile on his face. Gene will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Kim Bradley

Kim Bradley - June 24, 2014 at 12:10 PM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Gene Henry Thompson.



June 24, 2014 at 10:41 AM

MC

“ *My prayers are with your family during this time of grief.*

Michael Coleman

Michael Coleman - June 24, 2014 at 10:09 AM

KZ

*May the Lord comfort you and your family during your time of sorrow.
God Bless you!*

Karen Zarate - June 24, 2014 at 10:32 AM

GT

Michael thanks for your prayers and attending his service. I did not realize you worked in the same area as Karen. Have seen you around church for several years and your mom is in my Sunday School class. Small world!

Georgia Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 09:27 AM