



Howard Mac Thurman

January 17, 1937 - November 17, 2018

Howard Mac Thurman, a loving father, husband and a leader in the Springdale community passed away Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Howard was born on January 17, 1937 in Aurora, Missouri to his parents Joy Abner Thurman and Merle Taylor Thurman.

Mr. Thurman finished high school in Springfield at Central High School. He continued his education at Southwest Missouri State University and graduated in 1959.

Howard joined the United States Naval Reserve straight out of high school in 1954 and served Honorably through 1962. He was Honorably Discharged as a Petty Officer 3rd Class.

Howard was employed by Union National Bank in Springfield in June of 1960, then promoted to Assistant Trust Officer, just two years later in 1962. In 1967 Howard took a new position with Exchange Bank & Trust in Dallas, Texas, later named Texas American Bank in 1977. There he became the Executive Vice President of the Trust Department. In 1987 Mr. Thurman moved back to Springdale where he served as President of Arvest Trust Company and was heavily vested in the organization and expansion of Arvest Bank until his retirement in March of 2004.

During his time in Springdale Howard was involved with Lion's Club and served as the treasurer while a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks in Fayetteville/Springdale.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Howard Mac Thurman, Jr.

Mr. Thurman is survived by his wife Marcia McGowen-Thurman, his son Doug Thurman & wife Julie ; his daughter Kelley Thurman & husband Kelly Sherman; Scott McGowen & wife Jamie and Tony Taylor.

Visitation for Mr. Thurman is this Friday, November 23rd, from 4pm to 6pm. Funeral services are the following day, November 24th, at 1pm. Those services are to be performed at Sisco Funeral home followed by a graveside ceremony at Bluff Cemetery. Chad Johnson will perform the funeral services. Pallbearers for the services are Tommy Karr, Zach Brothers, Buddy Philpot, Andres Manon, Scott McGowen & Tony Taylor. Honorary Pallbearers are Will Winn and Scott Test. Family and friends are all invited to attend.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Mac Thurman*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Joyce Burgin lit a candle in memory of
Howard Mac Thurman*



Joyce Burgin - November 29, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Howard will be missed. My condolences to
Kelley for the loss of her father.*

*Lisa Huffman
Frisco, Tex*



Lisa Huffman - November 27, 2018 at 09:19 PM

MB

“ Heartfelt condolences to Marcia and the family from Mike and Katie Baker, Birmingham Alabama.

Howard, Bill, Dan, and I for years celebrated our friendship with an annual weekend together to catch up on family, careers, and our respective accomplishments and challenges. Howard was the organizer and motivator. He made us make time for each other and was the one who had to talk whichever one of us was having the worst year into going. But that was Howard. He loved his family and friends, and we loved him.

Mike Baker - November 26, 2018 at 06:53 AM

DF

“ Condolences to Marcia and the Thurman Family. Praying for you.
Delia Anderson Farmer

Delia Anderson Farmer - November 24, 2018 at 10:20 PM

BO

“ I am sorry that I will not be able to attend Howard's service today. Howard was such a kind, generous and thoughtful person. I will miss him.

After visiting with Howard a week or so ago, I was reminded of all the special times we shared. I worked for and with Howard for a number of years. We traveled to numerous trust conferences, and meetings together. In addition, he permitted me to grow both professionally and personally, and he was a good friend. Howard was instrumental in the development and growth of Arvest Asset Management and Arvest Trust Company. After his retirement, we often met for lunch to discuss many topics; the stock market, horse races, his children and mine, shared memories and a few laughs. I have many great memories of Howard, and am thankful I was able to be a small part of his life.

*Bob O'Neal
1808 El Contento Circle
Bentonville, AR 72712*

Bob O'Neal - November 24, 2018 at 11:37 AM

RW

“ I regret that I will not be able to attend Howard's service today, although I would like to be there to join in celebrating Howard's life. This past week I've remembered many good times I spent working with Howard.

but none that I would consider funny...although Howard reminded me at MY retirement party in 2015 of the time that I knocked over his mailbox as I was backing out his driveway, after dropping him off at home after one of our many day trips together (he didn't make me pay for the damage!)

We worked on many Arvest Trust Company projects together and I accompanied him on many day trips to Little Rock, Tulsa, Bartlesville and Norman.

And thanks to Howard, I attended a number of trust conferences with him - Kansas City, Boston, San Antonio and Santa Fe - Lots of great memories!! I am very thankful

that I was able to work for him and with him for a number of years.

Rex Wolstenholm

9149 Macauley Lane

Nolensville, TN 37135

Rex Wolstenholm - November 24, 2018 at 06:44 AM

SE

“ Steve, Leslie, and Kelsie Everett purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard Mac Thurman.



Steve, Leslie, and Kelsie Everett - November 23, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ 130 files added to the album *Memories of Howard Album*



Sisco Funeral Chapel - November 23, 2018 at 10:12 AM

AW

“ *Amanda, Rick, Alex, Rob and Amy Wells purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Howard Mac Thurman.*



Amanda, Rick, Alex, Rob and Amy Wells - November 22, 2018 at 08:35 PM

MT

“ *Millie Turner lit a candle in memory of Howard Mac Thurman*



Millie Turner - November 20, 2018 at 06:34 PM