



Cary Gordon Thornhill, Sr.

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C Gordon Thornhill, 81, of Thorn Ridge Farm, Boston Virginia passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 10, 2013. Gordon is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Sallie Frances Coates Thornhill and their three children, Cary Gordon Thornhill, Jr. "C.G.", Melanie Thornhill Kopjanski, and David Allen Thornhill and his wife Birgitt. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Elaina Thornhill, Lauren Thornhill Dickson and her husband Michael, Karl David Thornhill and his wife Beth Ann, Brittany Thornhill, Hanna Kopjanski, Maddie Kopjanski, Andrew Kopjanski, and Benjamin Gordon Kopjanski. Gordon is also survived by his two brothers, Robert Thornhill and his wife Karen of Boston, David Winfrey Thornhill and his wife Heidi of Culpeper, and his sister, Elma Morrison of Winchester, VA.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, Cary G. and Dicy Weaver Thornhill and a sister, Jean Grayson all of Thorn Ridge Farm.

Gordon had a long history in Rappahannock County as the Manager of the Rappahannock Farmers Co-op with forty years of service. He spent countless hours sharing his knowledge of feed, seed, fertilizer, planting crops, orchard sprays, and beef cows. He never met a stranger and was always willing to tell a good story. In his younger years he organized and played slow pitch softball. He also loved playing the guitar and singing gospel and bluegrass songs.

Prior to working for the Co-op, he worked for Virginia Artificial Breeding Association later known as Select Sires. He also attended Virginia Tech. Gordon loved Rappahannock, agriculture, and was a member of many community organizations including: Member of the Board of Directors of the local Virginia Farm Bureau Association; Member of the Board of Directors for the Soil and Water Conservation District; Director of F&M Bank (now BB&T); Chairman of the Board of Deacons at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church; Member and past Master of Washington Lodge No. 78 A.F. & A.M. Washington, VA and member of Royal Arch chapter and Knights Templar.



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A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at New Salem Baptist Church on Rt. 522 in Culpeper, VA. A reception will follow at the Salem Fire Hall. Ruth Updike will be coordinating the food and will be onsite at the Fire Hall that morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. The interment will be private.

The family has created a foundation to honor the memory of Gordon Thornhill and his love of Rappahannock and to help the youth of the county. This foundation will provide much needed funds for enrichment projects for the youth of Rappahannock County. These projects can be for many things but preference will be given to programs that are agricultural or sports related. In lieu of flowers, tax deductible contributions can be made to the Gordon Thornhill Excellence in Youth Foundation at the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation. Checks should be made payable to NPCF with a notation for the Gordon Thornhill Excellence in Youth Foundation and mailed to NPCF, P. O. Box 182, Warrenton, VA, 20188. Thoughts and prayers can be posted on Found and Sons website: www.foundandsons.com.




Events


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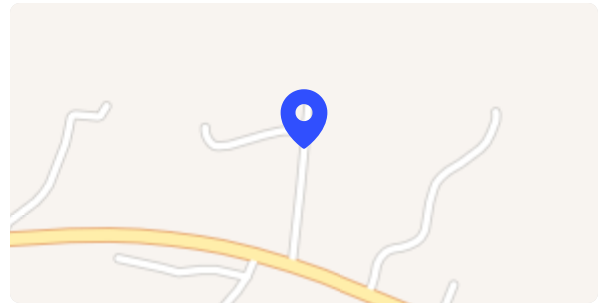
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Service

 **Saturday**, February 16, 2013

 11:00 AM ET

 **New Salem Baptist Church**
8233 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701





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JC

Jeff Coates lit a candle in honor of Cary.

Mrs. Thornhill, CG, Melanie and David - My prayers and sympathy go out to you all..Your Dad / Husband are now sharing paradise with mine above... May the Soul of the faithfully departed rest in eternal peace, and Joy, with God, our Heavenly Father - Amen..

February 19 at 8:38 AM



MP

Mauri Payne posted:

My deepest sympathy,Mauri

February 16 at 4:56 AM

BS

Beverly Payne Sturm lit a candle in honor of Cary.

Dear Frances, CG, David and Melanie,I am deeply sorry to hear of Gordon's death. I have fond memories of Gordon and the farm. He was a loving family man and good friend to so many. I know he will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my prayers. Perhaps one day our paths will cross and I can express my condolences in person. I would enjoy seeing you.Beverly Payne Sturm

February 16 at 4:44 AM



GW

Greg, Teresa Zack, & Seth Wayland posted:

We were very sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.Greg, Teresa, Zackariah, and Seth Wayland

February 16 at 4:43 AM

LR

Lisa Reid posted:

To the entire Thornhill family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I so enjoyed Gordon's company on those wonderful days of happiness and song at cookouts up on Red Oak. I know Gordon to be a man who is loved and admired by MANY. Together, as the incredible family that you all are, may you find the strength to get through to the other side of the sorrow and loss you are experiencing now. With Love,Lisa Reid

February 12 at 1:23 PM



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SK

Sharon Kilpatrick posted:

Sallie, My prayers are with you and the family. Gordon was a good man. He will be missed. Sharon Kilpatrick

February 12 at 1:03 PM

SS

Steve Southard posted:

C G and family, Sorry to hear about Gordon. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and the Thornhill families.

February 12 at 6:42 AM

KC

Kathy Christie February 12 at 11:50 AM

What a truly WONDERFUL person, Gordon was! He truly will be remembered as a friend to all and his memory, cherished by so many who knew and love him and his family. Prayers, support and love, Kathy Christie

DO

David & Wim, Dens Ocean posted:

To the whole Thornhill family & relatives Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the death of your husband, father and grandfather. Our thoughts are with all of you. David & Wim, Dens Ocean (Belgium)

February 12 at 4:30 AM

WT

Wanda Tolson lit a candle in honor of Cary.

Frances, CG, Melanie and David and families: I am sorry for your loss and want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and always. Gordon was as special person and he will always hold a place in my heart and memories will always be with me of the times I spent with everyone on the farm. Love to all, Wanda

February 12 at 3:08 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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