



George Tharp

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George Edward Tharp was born on April 19, 1937, in Hutchinson, Kansas to George Howard Tharp and Lorena Babe Lynn. As a youngster, he enjoyed playing and working on the family farm. In school, he loved learning and belonged to several clubs, including drama. When acting on stage at a neighboring school, he met and fell in love with his wife of over 69 years, Marlyn Kay Laudermilk. The couple had four children, Dedra Christine Kuehne, Becky Ann Fancher, Steven Ray Tharp (deceased), and Jana Gae Cappadona (Jerry). They have five grandchildren: Alex Kuehne (Andrea), Sarah Fitch (Matt), Matthew Tharp (Peggy), Jerry Cappadona Jr; and Kenny Cappadona (Ginger). George and Kay also have two great-grandchildren, Makenzie and Jack Kuehne. George is also survived by his sister, Adora Marie Cortner.

George worked for Edison Brothers, which relocated the family several times, providing their family adventures in other parts of the states. Settling in Knoxville, Tennessee, George continued to work, but made time for his many hobbies. He was an avid fisherman, and the family vacations always included lakes, and rivers for family fishing. He enjoyed landscaping and gardening. When the last of the children moved away, George and Kay moved to White House, Tn, and George retired from Edison Brothers to pursue his passion with horticulture and also focus on his hobby of writing. George had his first poem published and later compiled some of his poems and short stories into a book, *Memories of Drifting Dreams*. He also compiled vignettes of his life on the farm in Partridge, Kansas. He became a Tennessee Certified Nursery Professional and Master Gardener and began a second career at Home Depot. George continued to garden, turning his yard into a year round garden, with koi ponds and meditation spots. Later he added the stations of the cross so he and Kay could continue with their devotion to Christ at home. His garden was featured on PBS in a special entitle, "A Poet's Garden." He also worked with wood sculpting and painting. His Lighthouse series was selected for an artist's feature display at the White House Library. His words, art and love will live in our hearts until we meet him again in His garden.



Obituary

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There will be a visitation at Our Lady of the Lake from 11 o'clock in the morning until the time of service. The funeral service will be at Our Lady of the Lake at 12 o'clock in the afternoon.




Events


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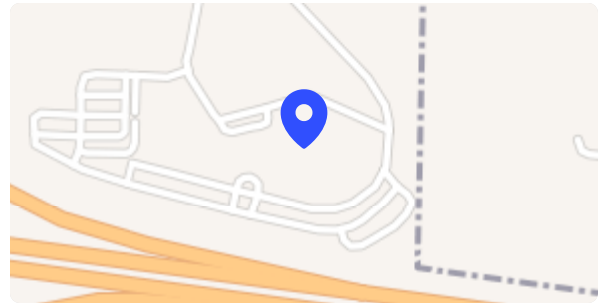
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, October 29, 2024


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT


 **Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church**
1729 Stop Thirty Rd, Hendersonville TN 37075

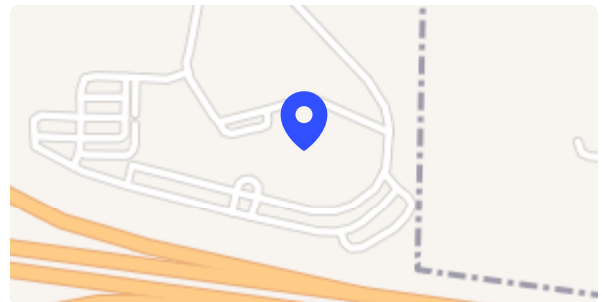


Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, October 29, 2024

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

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Tribute Wall

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DL

Deborah Laudermilk posted:

George was my uncle and I remember years ago when he took me under his wing. We were in Sterling Ks with a bunch of family taking care of my dying grandfather. George and I went on a few long walks and had some great conversations. He was probably the first poet, philosopher, artist, etc that I had been around. He was a big influence on my life. Rest in peace George can't wait to see you again.

October 29 at 10:55 AM

SB

Sherry Bozeman posted:

We are. Neighbors and friends of the wonderful Tharp family. George and Kay have been in our lives since we moved in 29 years ago. They have been like grandparents to our children. I thank God he put these Christian people in our lives. George was so funny and such a kind soul we enjoyed talking to him. The wisdom these two people share is never taken for granted. He will be missed. The Bozeman's. Sherry Clayton Brittnee and Brianna

October 29 at 4:26 AM

JL

Jeff Laudermilk posted:

Here's three cheers and a lot of love to my Uncle George and all those who love him so much. Great memories, including many no-holds-barred card games where the next generation was taught a unique love language (that's my story and I'm sticking to it). George brought a gentleness to our gatherings, and a natural way of helping you see new good things in the world. His humor was one of his best gifts. May Our Father give us Grace and Peace as we bid an earthly farewell to one of His all time best children, and may we join the celebration in Heaven as you, George, are welcomed into His loving embrace. Love you Uncle . . . Love you Aunt Sis . . . Love you Cousins!

October 28 at 12:08 PM



Linda Guy posted:

Dear Tharp family, Gosh y'all had a welcoming, fun house, where I always felt welcomed. George was always so happy and seemed to love lots of kids around! Love you all! Linda Roberts Guy

October 28 at 11:35 AM



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Harryette And Nunzio Cappadona sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Tharp family.

October 28 at 5:46 AM



Patricia O. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of George.

October 27 at 4:52 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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