



Allan E. Thompson

July 9, 2013

Allan E. Thompson, 76, of Leola, passed away on Sunday, July 7th, 2013 at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community.

Born in Poynette, Wisconsin, Allan was the son of Blanche (Ward) and William Wayne Thompson. Allan is survived by his wife of 53 years, Phyllis, his daughters Heidi Thompson and Heather Sievers, wife of John, son Allan Thompson, Junior, and two granddaughters, Mary Elizabeth and Rebecca Claire Sievers. Allan was preceded in death by brothers David, Douglas, Paul and sister Audrey Lueptow.

Allan was a graduate of Carroll University, Waukesha, WI, and earned his MBA from the University of Chicago.

After graduation from Carroll, he served two years in the Army. Upon leaving the service, he went to work for R.R. Donnelley and Sons in Chicago. In 1978 he was named Vice President and Division Director of Financial Printing in New York and Lancaster. At this time, Allan and family moved to Lancaster, PA.

Allan was a loving father and grandfather, always ready to offer a lap. He was a lifelong fan of the Green Bay Packers, a lover of bluegrass music and a guitar-playing country boy. Many happy times were spent at his house on Cayuga Lake, swimming, boating and enjoying bonfires. Allan had a wonderful sense of humor and an infectious laugh. Allan always felt that his life had been blessed.

Allan was very active in community service; giving back to the community was important to him. He was a member of Highland Presbyterian Church, Trustee and Capital Campaign Chairman for an earlier expansion; Allan was Chairman of the Board of Lancaster General Hospital in 1990 after holding many other offices for that organization; he was Chairperson of the Board for the Lancaster General Medical Group from 1995 to 1999; he was very active with the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, serving as Chairman of the Board and member of many committees including two president search committees;

he represented the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce at the request of Mayor Art Morris to help the Spanish American Civic Association become solvent and enhance their programs; he was a member of the first class of Leadership Lancaster, then served as Board Member; he served on committees for the United Way; chaired the Arts Council Task Force which started the Arts Council in 1987; he was involved in fundraising for the restoration of the Fulton Opera House; and he was on the Advisory Board of the Teen Achievement Program.

In LaGrange, Illinois, Allan served on the LaGrange Public Library Board and was Chairman of the Citizen's Council (Caucus) of LaGrange.

Allan was a member of the Delta Rho Upsilon Fraternity during his college years and later served on the executive committee and acted as chairman of the Delta Rho Upsilon Alumni Board.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Allan's Memorial Service on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 East Roseville Road, Lancaster, with The Rev. Dr. Ann M. Osborne officiating. The family will greet friends at the Church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Private interment in the Highland Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Allan's memory may be made to the Cure Alzheimers' Fund, 34 Washington Street, Suite 200, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481, Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 East Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 or Lancaster General Health Foundation (with a note indicating the donation is for the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute), 609 North Cherry Street, P.O. Box 3555, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Tribute Wall



“ *Allan E. Thompson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Phyllis,*

Please accept my sympathy. I have happy memories of our trips together with Ellen. You and Allan added much to our traveling group.

Keep well. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marge McCarthy

Marge McCarthy - July 17, 2013 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dear Family of Al,*

I am so sorry to learn of your loss and fondly remember Al from my years at RR Donnelley. He and you will be in my thoughts and prayers...

I worked for Al at Elgin, IL and with him in his Lancaster-based Financial Printing role. In both circumstances, I - and many others working with me - could not have succeeded without his leadership, wisdom, encouragement, inspiration and so much more... THANK YOU AL!

Frank O'Connor's words may provide some comfort at this difficult, impossible time: "And he knew with one quick, final ache that he would miss him very much, and in ways not yet known. But he also knew that in missing him he would never be alone."

*Albert P. Bensimon
Canton, GA*

Albert P. Bensimon - July 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM

DS

“ To Heather & family, Heidi, and the Thompson family,

We are sad to read of your Dad's passing. He certainly led a rich and blessed life. May you find comfort in the thoughts and prayers of family and friends.

Diane, Greg, and Phil Sechler

Diane Sechler - July 11, 2013 at 01:18 AM

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“ Phyllis,

It has been a joy becoming friends with you, and caring for Allan, I already most definitely miss him. He was so much a part of my daily life... I enjoyed him... loved his laugh, and the way he tapped his foot when I turned on his bluegrass music, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time... And please by all means keep in touch with us all...Sincerely Tracey Lewis, QPRC

Rest easy my buddy...

Tracey Lewis - July 10, 2013 at 08:22 PM

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“ This morning I read Allan E. Thompson's death notice in the Chicago Tribune. I am distantly related and met him only once at my brother's place in Madison, Wisconsin. My late brother, Stephen C. Gilmour is the author of "Pioneer Settlers of Dane County Wisconsin: John and Mary (Lunny) Campbell and their descendants including the Jones, Thomas, Patton, Collins, Thompson and other related families". My brother was always grateful for Al's interest in his genealogical work and his financial support of the family history project at various stages of research. I too appreciated Al's financial support to help publish this book after my brother's death.

Please know of my esteem for Al Thompson, the many, many good things he did during his lifetime, and the generosity extended to the family history project back in the 1980s. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Peter Gilmour

Peter Gilmour - July 10, 2013 at 05:19 PM

JT

“ Allan,

Sorry to read of your Dad's passing. I fondly remember meeting and talking with him when we were also members of Highland. 76 in my perspective is young, but he certainly packed a lot of living into those years and made a significant impact on our community. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, your mother and the rest of the family as you remember your Dad.

Blessings to you all,

Jake Toews

Jake Toews - July 10, 2013 at 01:52 PM