



## Jeffrey Earl Thompson

November 5, 1944 - July 15, 2022

Jeffrey Earl Thompson, Major USAF, Retired; PhD, of Hayden AL, passed away on July 15th, 2022 at the age of 78. Mr. Thompson was born on November 5th, 1944 to Col. Bill and Eleanor Thompson. Jeff was a 1967 graduate of the University of Alabama, and then he received a commission in the U.S. air force retiring in 1990. He was a combat pilot for three tours during the Vietnam War, and later went on to be an instructor pilot in Tehran, Iran and statewide. Jeff took up a hobby in bird dog training which later became his profession while taking a break from the Air force. Also during this time, he was flying with the Birmingham National Guard and working as a test pilot for Hayes International, Inc. Jeff then returned to the Air force and completed his military career as a Chief of Safety and an Operations Officer at two locations working with the U.S. Army. Later, Mr. Thompson became a professor for Embry-Riddle University at three different satellite campuses, while also being a civilian simulator instructor for Lear-Siegler Inc. Jeff and his wife Joyce developed Greycoat Farms in the Blountsville area; he locally participated in the Blountsville Historical Society, Magic City Gun Club, Covered Bridges Shooters Club, 4-H shooting program, the republican party, Girl Scouts, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge 145, and the Blountsville United Methodist Church. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents Col. Bill and Eleanor Thompson and his daughter Jessica Lynn Thompson. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Joyce; his daughter Susan (Bert) Spence, J.D.; his grandchildren, Arrany, Ryan and Thompson Spence; His brother, Mark (Fran) Thompson; his

nephew, Grant Thompson; his nieces, Christin Thompson, M.D. (Luke Lorenz), McKenzy Thompson (Micah Schnayerson); his great niece, Lemon Belle Lorenz; his great nephew, Brecken Thompson-Schnayerson; and his brother-in-law, Martin Ryan, Jr. Funeral Service will be Wednesday July the 27th, 2022 at 10 A.M. at Blountsville First United Methodist Church with Bro. Lloyd Gibbs, officiating and Blountsville Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be from 9:30- 10:00 A.M. at the Church. Burial will be at Garden City Cemetery with full military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden City

6th St. SE  
Hanceville, AL 35077

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Blountsville United Methodist Church  
415 College Street  
BLOUNTSVILLE, AL 35031

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Blountsville Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey Earl Thompson*



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**Blountsville Funeral Home** - July 26, 2022 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Long ago, when I was a young teenager, I babysat Jeff for my cousin, Buddy Thompson and his wife, Eleanor. I lived and grew up in Selma, Alabama where Buddy and Eleanor Thompson were posted at Craig A. F. Base. I am saddened to learn of Jeff's passing. From viewing the pictures, Jeff carried many features of his dad, Buddy Thompson . . . and, in some he resembled his grandfather, my Uncle R. F. Thompson. His grandmother, my Aunt Lula Mae Snead Thompson was the best cook around. It doesn't seem fair that a 90 year old "babysitter" should be reading the obituary of her 76 year old ward.*

*Sadly,  
Mary Esther Snead Parker  
Tampa*

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**Mary Esther Snead Parker** - August 09, 2022 at 01:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Earl Thompson.*



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July 22, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Please be aware of our prayers and our thoughts during this time. If we may help you in any way, please don't hesitate to call.*  
*Delbert Freeman*  
*Chaplain Cullman Regional*

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**Delbert Freeman** - July 21, 2022 at 05:52 PM