



Benjamin F. Thurston Sr.

February 1, 2015

Benjamin (Ben) F. Thurston, Sr., 93, of Sarasota, FL, a native of King and Queen County, VA died peacefully at home on February 1, 2015. He is survived by his beloved wife, Pat; daughters, Ginny Chadwick (Jon) and Cathi Lynn (Ed), all of Sarasota, FL; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Benjamin F. Thurston, Jr. Ben was born on the Dragon Run in King and Queen County, VA to Batchelor and Louisa Thurston. He served in the U.S. Navy, and then moved to Woodbury, NJ where he opened his first appliance store. He moved to Sarasota in 1956 and opened several stores in the area. He was an active real estate agent well into his 80's. He loved hunting, gardening, boating, skiing, and most of all, managing a Little League baseball team for over 30 years. He loved "his boys" like his own children, and never forgot them. Taking his team to the World Series in Williamsport, PA was a major highlight of his life.

Despite many health issues resulting from a stroke at age 80, he remained upbeat and positive, and a joy to be around. He loved people, and no one was a stranger to him.

A funeral service and burial will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, February 7th at New Hope Memorial Baptist Church, 15603 New Hope Rd., Shacklefords, VA 23156. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to New Hope Memorial Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Memorial Baptist Church

14173 New Hope Road
Shacklefords, VA

Previous Events

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Shacklefords, VA

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I want to offer my condolences to the family of Ben "Mr T" Thurston. About 30 years ago I called Mr Thurston in response to a job ad. I was a 21 year old kid from WV. He told me that if I could do what I told him that I could that he would hire me. I loaded up my pickup truck & headed to Sarasota Fl. True to his word he gave me a job that truly changed & started my life. I always respected Mr Thurston and think back on those days with fond memories and thank him for the opportunity. Rest in peace "Boss". God bless you and the family. Dave Groves "Service Tech #8"

Dave Groves - February 09, 2015 at 09:38 AM

ST

“ Susan Waxmunski Todd lit a candle in memory of Benjamin F. Thurston Sr.



Susan Waxmunski Todd - February 08, 2015 at 07:12 PM

RY

“ Roger & Shirley and Lydia & Yvonne purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Benjamin F. Thurston Sr..



Roger & Shirley and Lydia & Yvonne - February 05, 2015 at 06:44 PM

SW

“ *Scott Williams purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Benjamin F. Thurston Sr..*



Scott Williams - February 05, 2015 at 09:01 AM

LL

“ *Love, The family of Dick Lee purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Benjamin F. Thurston Sr..*



Love, The family of Dick Lee - February 04, 2015 at 07:53 PM

CN

“ *My heart is so very heavy with the news of the loss of my dear friend Ben Thurston. Ben was more than a friend to me, he was family. He was my father Dick Lee's best friend. My brothers and I have always called him Uncle Ben, because that is what he was. We spent our family vacations together linked around the hunting season - Virginia or New York! Oh boy the stories those two did share. I lost my father 4 years ago, and it hurts just as much today as it did on April 3, 2011. Having Uncle Ben to visit and talk with kept a small part of my dad alive to me. There are no words to express the sadness I feel in Uncle Ben's passing and how very much I loved him. I can only imagine that heaven just got a little crazier with Daddy and Uncle Ben being reunited.*

Cathy Lee Neubauer - February 03, 2015 at 02:36 PM

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Cathy Lee Neubauer - February 03, 2015 at 02:17 PM

RT

“ *Dear Pat, We know this is suppose to happen, but it's no easier when it does!! Ben was such a fighter and lived his life to the fullest. We loved him so much! It was a highlight in our lives to come visit you both. Sorry we couldn't make it down last year I know Ben wanted to see Bobby. We will cherish our many, many memories for years to come! Praying for you. Love from what Ben always liked calling us THE SNOWBIRDS Ann & Bobby*

robert thurston - February 03, 2015 at 10:06 AM

SC

“ *Ben may you rest in peace. It has been many years since I've seen him but still remember him fondly. My condolences to the family.*



Shawn Soles Carter - February 02, 2015 at 08:27 PM

JB

“ *Pat: thinking of you and your family at this time. Ben was a special person to us as we have spent many winters with you both. He will be greatly missed by all who new him. Our prayers are with you at this time*

John and Susan Boughton - February 02, 2015 at 08:09 PM