



Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.

August 20, 1932 - July 22, 2020

Charles "Creeper" E. Thorpe, Jr. of West Point, VA, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, transitioned into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Gilchrist Thorpe; son, Charles "Duke" Thorpe, III; granddaughter, Jessica Thorpe and brother, David Thorpe.

Charles was a dedicated Chesapeake Corporation employee for over 40 years. He was also a faithful and dedicated Trustee of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church for 40 years. In addition to his love and loyalty to family, Charles was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins and the Los Angeles Lakers. On any given game night, he could be found sitting in his favorite reclining chair watching (or being watched by) the game. His tall, strong, yet gentle presence will be missed by his family, friends and the community.

Charles leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Jeanette Thorpe; daughters, Claudette Canady and Lisa Jones; step son, Oscar "Trey" Hopkins; daughter in law, Anise Thorpe; son in law, Walter Jones and brother in law, Taziel Wallace. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

GR

“ My condolences to the family, especially Claudette & Lisa. Your father was a great man and I always enjoyed spending time with him when coming to WP. I'm so glad I was visit with him and Claudette last October. RIP "Creeper", you will be dearly missed.

George Rodman - August 05, 2020 at 02:04 PM

SW

“ Claudette and Lisa & family, I was so sad hear about your daddy. Robin Vincent told me about his home going. Your mom and dad were great people and raised great people. They were an important part of the West Point Community. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. My Gods peace and comfort fill your hearts. Love you.



Sandra Wilson - July 29, 2020 at 11:09 AM

DJ

“ Dorothy Johnson-Sports lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.



Dorothy Johnson-Sports - July 28, 2020 at 12:06 AM

CG

“ Cynthia Gilchrist-Hodge lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.



Cynthia Gilchrist-Hodge - July 27, 2020 at 08:08 PM

EW

“ I got to know Charles Senior 45 years ago when Duke and I were teammates at Va. Tech. While spending some weekends with the Thorpe's I felt like one of the family members. A gentle giant. He will be sorely missed. REST IN PEACE Mr. Thorpe.
Ernest and Judith Wansley

Ernest Wansley - July 27, 2020 at 12:31 PM

CJ

“ Chantelle Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.



Chantelle Johnson - July 27, 2020 at 09:58 AM

VM

“ *Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant!*
To the Thorpe Family I send my condolences and prayers. Mr. Thorpe was a humble man and he loved God, Family and Friends. My Mother and Mr. Thorpe were classmates and often when I would see him at our home church, he would give a hug, say hey doll and wanted to know how she was doing. He will be missed by many. "You fought a good fight, our Father said Come Home to receive your Reward"! RIEP



Vicky Maddox - July 26, 2020 at 07:55 PM

PW

“ *Claudette,*
So sorry for your loss. Your father was a great person, highly respected. Charlie met him in the 70's and has always had high regard and respect for him. We know from our relationship with you and Leslie that he was a great father and grandfather. We also know that you have shown your love for him throughout his life. You've been a special daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please keep in touch.
Pat and Charlie Woollum

Pat and Charlie Woollum - July 26, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JP

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God be with you during this difficult time*

Judy and Glenn Palmer - July 25, 2020 at 08:46 PM

NS

“ Nancy Vaughan Scott lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.



Nancy Vaughan Scott - July 25, 2020 at 02:27 PM

TR

“ A true gentleman has left us - May he rest in peace.

Tom Redd - July 25, 2020 at 02:20 PM

JC

“ Claudette and family,

Johnny and I are so sorry to hear the passing of your father. He was a special man.

Always jovial and kind. I bet Duke was at those heavenly gates waiting for him.

RIP Charlie -

Johnny & Connie Clark

Johnny P Clark - July 25, 2020 at 01:47 PM

LR

“ L Jane White Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.



L Jane White Rhodes - July 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM

LR

Claudette & Lisa my Thoughts & Prayers are with You. I remember His big Smile. Such a warm & caring Giant of a Man. If you ever need anything I'm always here. God Bless You ALL. Rest in Power Mr. Thorpe.

L Jane White Rhodes - July 25, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JG

“*Claudette, Lisa, and family, I am so sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was such a gentle giant. I know you will miss him as many others will to. Prayers of comfort.*”



joanie Brizendine Gordon - July 25, 2020 at 11:13 AM

RG

“*RON GILCHRIST lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.*”



RON GILCHRIST - July 24, 2020 at 09:45 PM

KE

My deepest condolences to the Thorpe Family, with the passing of a wonderful gentleman, your Dad. I see his smile shared when greeting, so welcoming was his heart. His life was meaningful and loving, 🙏 RIP

KENNETH JACKSON
NEWPORT NEWS, VA

Kenneth - July 25, 2020 at 08:47 PM

LS

“ Jeanette, my thoughts and prayers for you in the loss of Charlie. God will guide you through these days and keep you in his care.



Linda South - July 24, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JD

“ Mr. Thorpe was a really good man. I considered him a friend and we would talk at the mill about life in general and especially talk about VT sports and Duke. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Sincerely, John Davis

John Davis - July 24, 2020 at 08:03 PM

BE

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of such a fine upstanding gentleman. He was truly a Blessing ! Love and Gods blessings to the family.



Beverly & Jim Ross

Beverly - July 24, 2020 at 07:50 PM

LC

I remember Mr. Thorpe coming into the Pharmacy and him asking me to help put a battery in his watch. Such a nice man.

Lucy Cox - July 25, 2020 at 12:02 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.*



Brenda Lee - July 24, 2020 at 07:14 PM

MI

Uncle Charles and my mother were brother and sister even though we did not meet until later in our lives, when that meeting happen it was as though we knew each other all of our lives. And Auntie as you know we had a great time. We were blessed just to be in his presence. Thanks for the memories. Broken Hearted We Are; but we also knows that the God we serves loves him best.

Maurice & Stella Wilson St Simons Island - July 26, 2020 at 04:03 PM

HA

“ *Jeanette, Claudette, Lisa, Trey and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. He was a wonderful, caring friend and great neighbor for over 30+ years. One of my fondest memories is sitting out under the pecan tree talking (about the neighbor hood problems LOL). I'm going to miss him dearly. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Love you all dearly,
Harriet and Andrew*



Harriet Ammons - July 24, 2020 at 05:35 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dzula lit a candle in memory of Charles Elliott Thorpe Jr.*



Debbie Dzula - July 24, 2020 at 04:54 PM

LS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Charles passing. I enjoyed knowing all of your family as both friends and neighbors. Y'all are in Brenda and my prayers. May God bless y'all and please know you're in our hearts.*

Larry and Brenda Slade

Larry Slade - July 24, 2020 at 04:00 PM

TB

“ *Loved him like a father. Was a great and loving man. RIP Charlie.*

Thomas Bunch - July 24, 2020 at 03:22 PM

RG

There are no words to describe my Uncle Charles -simply put he was a Superman as a Husband ,Father Brother Grandfather , Great Grandfather and the best Uncle you could be blessed to have .His loss is immeasurable but Heaven has now presented this faithful servant of God with his wings . Thank you a billion times to one of the Greatest Men I have ever known Rest Well Uncle Charles -Until that next Sunday dinner when I see you again your in my heart forever

RON GILCHRIST - July 24, 2020 at 07:55 PM

RF

Charles was always Mr. Thorpe to me. He was a fine gentleman. He and Mrs. Thorpe raised three amazing children and great athletes. Mr. Thorpe was a great athlete in his own right playing a leading role on several state championship teams at Huntington High School in Newport News under the legendary coach Thad Madden. Mr. Thorpe will be greatly missed as are Mrs. Thorpe and Duke. Our thoughts are with all of the family at this sad time. Sincerely, Bob and Ruth Fraser

Ruth Fraser - July 25, 2020 at 06:37 PM

BW

Claudette & family: So sorry to hear about the passing of your sweet daddy. I remember my daddy talking about what a nice man he was. I think they worked together at the mill. I didn't know Duke had passed away either. I'm sure he & your mama were there to meet your daddy. You will be in my thoughts & prayers.

Beverly Rosson West

Beverly Rosson West - July 26, 2020 at 11:28 PM