



Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson

October 14, 1940 - June 16, 2013

Donald W. Thomson, 72, of Orlando, Florida passed away at home surrounded by family and entered eternal life with our Lord on June 16, 2013. Donald (Don) was born on October 14, 1940 to the late Wesley and Evelyn (Lewis) Thomson in Long Rapids, Michigan. On September 9, 1961 Don married the love of his life, Faye Nevins, in Long Rapids. Faye is the daughter of the late Alex and Margaret Nevins.

Don graduated from Michigan Tech in Houghton, MI and started his career with IBM in Owego, NY. in 1962. A relocation of Shipboard Systems programs to Manassas, VA in 1973 resulted in a family move to Manassas. The years there were spent on IBM's sonar programs for the Navy. Don's career with IBM's Federal Systems Division focused on military defense projects for branches of the armed services. His one sea test from New London Submarine Base ended with a broom tied to the submarine's mast, signifying a successful cruise. After a move to Orlando in 1993 to design and develop equipment for military simulators used in training, Don ended his working career at Lockheed Martin in 2001.

Don is survived by his wife Faye, son Greg and wife Kim Thomson of Orlando, son Chris and wife Britney of Lynchburg, VA, son Joel and wife Jennifer of Orlando, brother Marty and wife Cathy Thomson of Long Rapids, brother Larry and wife Mary Jane Thomson of Alpena, MI and sister Jane and

husband Rob Roose of Alpena. He is survived by Thomson grandchildren, Matthew, Bradley, Scott, Kelsey, Sidney, Katey, Ewan and Molly. He is also survived by sister-in-law Vivian Lewis, Lavada Gamache, bother-in-law Gerald Nevins and wife Nancy, and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were sister Fern M. Gries, her husband Irvin and their son Ricky.

Don thoroughly enjoyed playing many sports, but most of all enjoyed coaching his three sons' Little League baseball teams. In addition to coaching, he and his sons enjoyed playing church softball together for many years. In Don's desire to serve, he was a church treasurer at Grace United Methodist Church in Manassas and participated in running the radio room to broadcast the service. He served at Aloma United Methodist Church in Orlando as Sending Missions team leader and with the Stephen Ministry providing Christian support and friendship. He and Faye loved to travel and visit the family in Michigan.

Those wishing to make a donation in Don's memory can do so to Aloma United Methodist Church, 3045 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32792 or Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 2201 Lucien Way, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751.

Please visit www.degusipefuneralhome.com to leave a special condolence and for further information.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

Previous Events

Service

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ I was very sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed working for Don in Owego and Manassas. He was one of the best managers that I ever had. No matter how tight the schedule or how difficult the task Don never got stressed. I remember golfing with Don in the manager/employee golf tournament at the IBM Country Club and having a great time. Everyone liked Don, and he did make a difference in people’s lives. That is the true mark of a successful man. I know how much Don will be missed. You and your family are in my prayers at this time of sorrow.
Joe Lucas

Joe Lucas - June 20, 2013 at 10:06 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson.



June 19, 2013 at 08:35 PM

OK

“ I had the pleasure of working with Don in Owego, Manassas, and Orlando for almost 40 years. He was often my boss and always my friend. Don was the epitome of leader, mentor, co-worker and person. He will be missed by all who knew him. God Bless Faye for her loving and devoted care.
Orion (& Sally) Kline

Orion & Sally Kline - June 18, 2013 at 06:56 PM

DR

“ I was one of the fortunate ones to have worked for Don Thomson and I always considered him to be an excellent manager and an all-around good person. He truly cared for people, and was always approachable. He exemplified IBM's credo of respect for the individual, and he will always be one of my better memories. May God bless him.

Dana Roper - June 18, 2013 at 06:31 PM

PK

“ Faye,
We were so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I have many good memories of working for Don and sharing our condo in Bethany Beach.

Our deepest family to you and your family,

Paul & Amy Kauffman

Paul Kauffman - June 18, 2013 at 04:09 PM



Jennifer Whitt

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I don't know that you'd remember me, but your parents were my favorite aunt and uncle. (I'm Jennifer, the younger daughter to Ivan, Ethel's son.) I wish we could go back 40 years. I'd love to hear from all of you, if you ever get this message!!!

Jennifer Whitt - December 13, 2018 at 10:35 PM

EP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was Dave's boss and Dave always said Don was the best manager. Dave said Don was "one of the good guys." He enjoyed working for him and had a great deal of respect for him.

*Elaine & Dave Powell
Orlando, FL*

Elaine Powell - June 18, 2013 at 02:54 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson.



June 18, 2013 at 02:20 PM



“ Sympathy Sentiments™ Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson.



June 18, 2013 at 02:11 PM

TA

“ Don was one of the many great leaders of our IBM Manassas Defense contracting effort. He was well liked and respected by everyone. It was an experience that I will always cherish. Our condolences to Faye and the rest of the family.

Tony & Sue Almond Oak Hill, VA

Tony & Sue Almond - June 18, 2013 at 01:37 PM

CS

“ *Centra Health Critical Care Services purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson.*



Centra Health Critical Care Services - June 18, 2013 at 01:34 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson.*



June 18, 2013 at 01:27 PM

DV

“ *David & Mary Marshman, Forest VA purchased the Pink Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson.*



David & Mary Marshman, Forest VA - June 18, 2013 at 01:18 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Wesley Thomson.*



June 18, 2013 at 12:41 PM