



# Dr. Tommy Clay Thompson

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**I**t's with broken hearts that we share the news of the passing of Dr. Tommy C. Thompson on August 5, 2023.

Dr. Thompson was the oldest child of the late C.S. (Doc) and Beth Thompson. He graduated from Canyon High (Go Eagles) and West Texas State University (Go Buffaloes). He received his M.D. degree from UTMB Galveston, where he was a member of the Phi Beta Pi Medical Fraternity. Dr. Thompson completed General Surgery and Urology Internship and residencies at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and Balboa Naval Hospital. For four years he was the urologist at the Millington Naval Airbase Hospital.

Dr. Thompson practiced Urology in Memphis, Tennessee and Searcy, Arkansas for almost 40 years. He retired from the Navy as a captain after proudly serving with the Fleet 15 Hospital during Desert Storm Operation.

Survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Prichard Thompson, 6 children Tom, Scott (Shelton), Heather, Gretchen, Chase (Jody), Lily and 8 grandchildren.

Dr. Thompson's grandchildren knew him as "Papa Bear". That was the name/title he wore with the most pride. Whether traveling, cooking out or swimming in the backyard, playing board games, competing in the Thompson Family Olympics or making waffles on Sunday morning, being surrounded by their voices and laughter was the favorite part of his life.

We are deeply saddened by his absence but take comfort knowing that somewhere he's trying out a new recipe, potting plants, watching Fox News, telling stories, laughing and watching over the ones he loved. Old Man, Dad, Papa Bear, travel safe to your new adventure — we love you.

A joyful celebration of a life well lived will be held on November 25, 2023 at 1:00pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home in the Parkside Event Center. Please join us to share our memories and your



## Obituary

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memories of Dr. T!

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to High Plains Children's Home: <https://www.hpch.org/giving>




# Events


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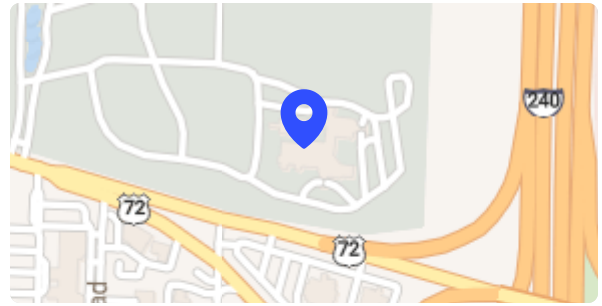
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, November 25, 2023

 1:00 PM CT

 **Parkside Event Center at Memorial Park**  
5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119





## Tribute Wall

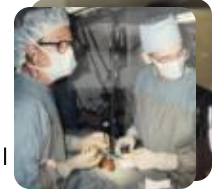
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KE

**Kurt Evans** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I just found out about Tommy's passing last year. We were urology residents in San Diego at Balboa 1978-80. Tommy taught me many things, from various surgical techniques (e.g. the 8 minute vasectomy, the one handed double surgical knot, spinning the Metz scissors like a gunslinger spinning his pistol) to the importance of demonstrating confidence to patients and dealing with authority figures. Later we served together during Desert Storm at Fleet Hospital 15 in Saudi Arabia in 1991. He was a unique role model for me and I wish I had gotten to know him, Linda and his family much better. He is missed. Kurt Evans



August 16 at 12:42 PM

MM

**Michael & Nancy Means** posted:

Nancy and I are saddened to just now learn of Tommy's passing. We all served in the Navy and became great friends of his and Linda from time together at NHSanDiego back in our earlier years! What great times we had and over the years after transferring around we lost touch. Recently found him in practice in Searcy but regret I never made that call....we have never forgotten Tommy, Linda and those great children over these years. All of the remaining members of the El Tomar Yacht Club born on Mission Bay over many a volleyball game, rest assured we all love you and will not forget.

February 19 at 11:57 AM

TC

**Tammy Canale** lit a candle in honor of Tommy.

I just heard of Dr. Thompson's passing. To say I am devastated and heartbroken is an understatement. He hired me while I was still in college. You taught me so much! Linda, my heart breaks for you and the kids. The two of you were a big part of my life and I will always remember the times we shared. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with you this holiday season. Hold tight to one another. ~Tammy Canale~



December 15 at 10:19 AM

KW

**Kristina White** posted:

Dr. Thompson was an incredible person and mentor to me. The world was a better place with him in it. I am forever grateful for all he taught me, which has gotten me where I am today both professionally and personally. Getting to know his family was a blessing as well. He will be greatly missed.

December 15 at 9:46 AM



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DJ

**David M Johnson** posted:

Tommy was in practice with me for several yearsHe was a respected urologist and friendHe is very missed here at searcy medical centerMy deepest sympathy to all his family.h

November 20 at 3:55 AM

TB

**Tammy Berry** posted:

I worked with Dr. Thompson at White County Med Center as a Case Manager. He was always cheerful, friendly, and respectful of the nursing staff. His smiles were genuine and heart warming. It was obvious he cared for his patients and loved his work. What a great loss for his family, friends, patients and coworkers. May God comfort his family in this time of grief.

September 6 at 4:33 PM

JT

**Jason Thompson** posted:

Dr. Thompson was the first to ever take me seriously after his wife contacted him on my behalf. Because of him, I was diagnosed with IC and he saved my life many times with the procedures needed for my condition. Even when I had no insurance he took care of me. Myself and my spouse will always be grateful and I'm not sure yet what I'll do without him.

September 1 at 3:57 PM

DS

**Devon Kimberling-Stewart** September 6 at 11:50 AM

Same here. I'm absolutely heartbroken

JC

**Joe Carden** posted:

Dr. T quickly became one of my favorite doctors to work with, followed by one of my favorite people to be around. He was direct, genuine, and straightforward in a way that allowed for him to put a full day of work in front of you and you'd be happy about it. At least I was. I'm going to miss him.

August 17 at 4:14 PM



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**Karla Johnson** posted:

I have many memories of Tommy, he was my oldest brother. But not only was he my brother, later in life he became a friend, advisor, and mentor. We would speak weekly and laughed often. He would tell me about the kids and Lark and what ever project he had going on. He was a special person always willing to help whoever and whenever. My funniest memory is when he told me he was painting the pool when the kids were young and he had painted himself in, down at the deep end. We both got a good laugh over that. I will miss him terribly, but I am content knowing that he gets to rest now. May God Bless his soul. Love, Karla

August 17 at 11:06 AM



**Shanetta Taylor** September 2 at 6:38 AM

How much I am going to miss you deeply you saved my life so many times. You've taken care of me for almost a decade. Im 39 years old now and my baby is 9 years old. I'm lost for words. There's a huge hole in my heart. I didn't know... you just done my surgery 3 months ago. You've served your purpose here you were a very good man. And a true man of God most important. I love you dearly and yes I'm grieving for you. But you rest now and God loves you more. You're in your heavenly home. And to the family my condolences I'm lifting you all up in prayer. I just found out today. Rest well Dr. Thompson job well done.



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Fleet Hospital 15 Saudi Arabia



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Tommy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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