



## Ronald Thorpe

September 13, 1943 - September 22, 2021

Ronald Thorpe, transitioned to God on September 22, 2021. He expressed to his family that he was at peace, satisfied and ready to go; he had a wonderful life with his wife after recently celebrating 54 years of marriage in August 2021; felt really blessed to have a loving family and several devoted friends; and wanted his family to have a happy life until God calls them home to join him.

Ronald was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 13, 1943, but raised in North Carolina with his parents, the late Olivia Tucker Thorpe McNair and Joseph Thorpe.

Ronald graduated from Nash Central High School in Nashville, North Carolina, in May 1962. He graduated from Elizabeth City State University in May 1966, with a B.A. Degree in Business Education. Ronald took several graduate courses at Delaware State College, now known as Delaware State University and Delaware Technical and Community Colleges, where he received credits and certificates in Computer Technology. Upon receiving his Master's Degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC, he was credited with a masters plus thirty standing. He transferred to Cambridge High School when integration began. Ronald married Mary in 1967 and continued teaching while Mary remained in college in North Carolina. Ronald brought Mary to Cambridge after she finished college and they both worked in

the school system. In 1976, he moved to Cambridge South Dorchester High, where he became one of the first to teach computer science in the high schools of Dorchester County. Ronald was happy to see many of his students after they graduated, as they often referred to him as one of their favorite teachers. They spoke of him being a serious teacher and talked about some jobs they received because of their computer training. He often encouraged students to work to their fullest potential.

Ronald retired from teaching in January 2001. After retiring, he began a second career at Delmarva Community Services, Inc. His initial job dealt with computer technology. He taught computer basics to seniors at DCS through the Chesapeake Community College Continuing Education Program. He enjoyed working with seniors because they were eager to learn. Ronald later became Manager of the Vocational Program at DCS where he worked until 2010.

In the early 1970's, Ronald and Mary joined Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church, where they raised their children. Both immediately began working by joining the choir and Ronald served on the Trustee Board and volunteered wherever there was a need. He especially enjoyed working with the Food Pantry and the video & sound system.

Ronald enjoyed traveling, mainly in the United States, as he loved to drive. In early years he drove with friends to California, Florida, Colorado and other states. Later, he and Mary flew to California, Florida, Nevada and other areas. They went on several cruises to the Bahamas.

Ronald was a member of the NAACP and in 1976, he became a member of the Masonic Lodge of Maryland. He was active in the Masonic organization for several years.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary; daughter, Beverly

Thorpe Foster (Isaac); son, Ronald L. Thorpe (Candice); step grandson, Raekwon Henneghen; granddaughters, Ashley Adams (Sherrod), Raven Thorpe Whitfield, Kamaryn Thorpe and Selena Thorpe; step granddaughters, Valerie Jackson and children; and great-grandchildren, Noah, Ar'Marie and Joe-Kobe. Other surviving members are, a special cousin, Garland Arrington, with whom he grew up; and several other cousins and friends. He was especially close to Mary's nephew, Theodore Cooper (Joyce).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church  
425 High Street  
Cambridge, , MD 21613

## Funeral Service

OCT 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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425 High Street  
Cambridge, , MD 21613

## Interment

OCT 1 (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Park  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - September 30, 2021 at 01:55 PM

BF

“ *To Mrs. Mary Thorpe and Family:  
We, only recently, were made aware of Mr Ronald Thorpe's passing  
- of which we were so sorry to hear. Please know that we are  
keeping each of you uplifted in prayer. From your extended  
(Charlotte, NC) family...The Blacks and The Watts.*

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**Black and Watts Family** - October 14, 2021 at 03:21 PM

JC

“ *To Mrs. Thorpe and Family;  
So sorry to heard about My Teacher.  
He was so special. He was the one that taught me how to wire  
computer back in the day at Cambridge Senior High. Then, I would  
see him coming in Food Lion and I would said that is My Wonderful  
Teacher, Mr. Thorpe.  
May God continue to bless you with His strength, peace, happiness,  
joy and Most of All Jesus Love..  
Miss You Mr. Thorpe, Take Your Rest  
Your Student, Joanne M. Chase*

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**Joanne M. Chase** - October 08, 2021 at 05:45 PM

LB

“ *My condolences to the family. Mr. Thorpe is fondly remembered as  
a wonderful teacher and great human. I was blessed to have him as  
an instructor.*

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**Lisa Brooks** - October 04, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TS

“ *Mr Thorpe was one of my favorite teachers in school. Very positive man. He will be deeply missed.*

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**Todd Shearman** - October 02, 2021 at 02:02 PM

SG

“ *One of my favorite teachers at the old CHS...computer science. Very fine man. Condolences to his family.*  
*Sally Frampton Glynn*

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**Sally Glynn** - October 01, 2021 at 07:15 PM

FM

“ *Francine Molock-Osborne lit a candle in memory of Ronald Thorpe*



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**Francine Molock-Osborne** - October 01, 2021 at 03:16 PM

NI

“ *To the Thorpe Family and all who knew Ronald,*

*I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Mr. Thorpe for a few years. Mr. Thorpe always had a smile on his face and treated all individuals with dignity, kindness, and respect. He had a gift for bringing people together and helping you see the good in many situations. He helped me become a better man, leader, and person. He loved his family and community and it showed in his interactions. I will miss seeing him out in Cambridge at stores and events. Take care Mr. Thorpe and thank you for all you did for me.*

*Nick Grande*

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**Nick** - October 01, 2021 at 11:30 AM

EB

“ I will always remember Ron: his warm smile, captivating personality and reverent attitude. His legacy will be in the hearts and minds of all who were fortunate to have known him.

Ernest Barlow - October 01, 2021 at 04:42 AM

DF

“ My Sincere Condolences, My Prayers are with Mr. Thorpe and with His Family. He was an Amazing Guy. The ability to make a lasting impression on someone is a True Gift, that is a Gift he was Blessed with.



David Fitzhugh - September 30, 2021 at 08:07 PM

DB

“ To the Family of Mr. Ronald Thorpe:

My sincere and humble condolences go out to the family of one of my favorite teachers, Mr. Ronald Thorpe. He was the kindest and most dedicated teachers I had while at Mace's Lane and Cambridge High School. I was so saddened to hear of his passing. May God bless you, his family and friends, in this time of grief.



Sorrowfully,  
Deborah Beverly-Pugh

Deborah Beverly-Pugh - September 30, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JF

“ *Jeff and Carolyn Foster purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ronald Thorpe.*



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**Jeff and Carolyn Foster** - September 30, 2021 at 12:30 PM

RI

“ *Condolences and prayers to Mary and the Thorpe family. We pray for strength to endure and love.*  
*Rufus and Betty Cornish Isom*

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**Rufus Isom** - September 30, 2021 at 09:34 AM

AH

“ *Anita Hayes lit a candle in memory of Ronald Thorpe*



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**Anita Hayes** - September 30, 2021 at 07:18 AM

DK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Thorpe family and friends. Mr. Thorpe was my bookkeeping teacher at CSDHS and he is the reason I fell in love with Accounting and made it my career. Rest easy Mr. Thorpe you will be greatly missed.*

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**Deborah Kinnamon** - September 29, 2021 at 09:44 PM

MC

“ Our prays and thoughts with will you and the family May GOD give you strength each day to carry on.

*McCarge and Ella Clark*



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**McCarge and Ella Clark** - September 29, 2021 at 12:59 PM

LC

“ On behalf of the Community we are sorry to hear about the passing of a kind and wonderful man. Ronald fought a good fight. He finished his course, He kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord ,the righteous judge shall give me at that day. There will be some cloudy day but family hold on to GOD unchanging hand he will carry you thru the good days and bad days, Our prays of with each of you.

*Little Raleigh Community*



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**Little Raleigh Community** - September 29, 2021 at 12:43 PM

IH

“ I just learned of Mr. Thorpe's passing. He was a wonderful teacher. He always had a smile on his face and a good word of advice. Sending prayers and condolences to the family. He will always be remembered as a kind and gentle soul! Rest in Paradise Mr. Thorpe.

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**Irene Adams Harris** - September 28, 2021 at 07:38 AM

CE

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Thorpe! Mr. Thorpe taught me (Constance) business classes at Mace’s Lane High School! He was a great teacher! Sending our prayers, love and deepest condolences to the family! Frederick & Constance Jones Elliott

Constance Elliott - September 27, 2021 at 09:53 PM

NJ

“ My condolences 🙏 to the family

Nicole Jackson - September 27, 2021 at 07:57 PM

EA

“ My sincere condolences to family Mr.Thorpe was a great man an a wonderful teacher shall never forget

Elsie Brown Anderson - September 27, 2021 at 11:39 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of my neighbor Mr Thorpe. My CONDOLENCES to the family. Sandy & Lewis Barnett

Sandy Barnett - September 26, 2021 at 06:33 PM

PS

“ Our prayers are with the Thorpe family.  
Peter and Natasha Singleton



Peter H. Singleton - September 26, 2021 at 02:05 PM

NT

“ On behalf of the Thomas family of Trappe we want to extend our heart felt sympathy to the family of Ronald Thorpe. Being our neighbor our brother Joe shared many stories about his times at your home. Find comfort in knowing that God has a plan for each of us. We pray your strength on the coming days as you go threw your time of bereavement.  
The Thomas Family, Naomi Diane Thomas.



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**Naomi Diane Thomas** - September 25, 2021 at 06:22 PM

MN

“ Extending heartfelt condolences to you, Mary and the entire Thorpe Family. Mr. Thorpe was always a pleasure to be around and such a quiet, gentle spirit. I so admired his love for you and his family. It is my prayer that God will surround you all and comfort your hearts and give you strength in the days to come. We know God to be a comforter and that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Much love to you all.



*Peace & Blessings,  
Michelle*

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**Michelle Nichols** - September 24, 2021 at 04:20 PM

GM

“ My heartfelt sympathy and prayers are extended to Mary Thorpe and her family in the passing of Ronald Thorpe Sr. While I know God's will supersedes our wants and desires I mourn in the lost of a true friend and dedicated member of our Waugh Church Family. I will miss but cherish our work together on the Technology Committee, Gospel Choir, Food Pantry and much more. He has fought the good fight and will wear his crown in glory.

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**Greg Meekins** - September 24, 2021 at 07:44 AM

LB

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the family. Mr. Thorpe was my 10th grade Introduction to Business teacher @ Cambridge High School. He was always the nicest, kindest person. The same now as he was then. Sorry to hear of his passing. May God give you comfort now and in the days to come.*



**Laverne Bowens** - September 23, 2021 at 09:06 PM

AA

“ *Family have our deepest heartfelt sympathy he was my big brother.and my supervisor for years .nothing but respect from him always doing what right for his staff.his kindness and thoughtfulness never ever be forgotten.*

**Anne Askins** - September 23, 2021 at 02:04 PM

CF

*TO MARY AND FAMILY, OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS SAD TIME. THERE ARE SPECIAL MOMENTS AND MEMORIES THAT ARE YOURS ALONE, WE HOPE THE CARING OF OTHERS WILL COMFORT YOU. THE BTW CLASS OF 1965*

**Carolyn Foster** - September 30, 2021 at 12:01 PM