



John C. Thompson

June 27, 1930 - September 24, 2016

John Coleman Thompson, 86, died Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Conway Manor after a short illness. He was born June 27, 1930, in Mullins, South Carolina, a son of the late Donna Coleman and Frank Austin Thompson.

John graduated from Conway High School in 1947. Four years later he received an A.B. Degree from Davidson College. From June, 1951 through June, 1954, he served on active duty with the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps after which he entered the University of South Carolina Law School in September, 1954, graduating with an L.L.B. Degree in September, 1956.

Mr. Thompson Married Barbara Richardson in July, 1957, and they resided in Conway until his death. From 1956 until 1998 he practiced law in Conway organizing the Thompson and Henry Law Firm which maintains an office in Conway. During this time, he was a member of the Horry South Carolina Bar, and American Bar Association and was President of the Horry County Bar Association.

Among his many public and civic duties, he served as a member of the House of Representatives of the South Carolina Legislature from 1961 through 1963. Also, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Public Service Authority from 1968 through 1976, serving as chairman in 1975 and 1976. He also served as a director of the former Peoples National Bank, and the Conway National Bank. He was a charter Member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of 59 years, his sister-in-law, Frankie Hughes and her husband Jay; his nephew Phil Thompson and his wife Pat; Frank Edwards and his wife Vicky Edwards, and Richard Edwards.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Carolyn T. Edwards, Sara T. Finlayson and a brother Philip A. Thompson.

Memorial Services will be held 11:00 A.M. Monday, September 26, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Reverend Reginald Thackston and Reverend Murray Gibbons officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Sunday at the Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to the Horry County Memorial Library, 801 Main Street, Conway, South Carolina 29526, or to a charity of one's choice.

Goldfinch Funeral Home Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

WU

“ Thanks for your service !!!
Wayne Williams -
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - September 30, 2016 at 07:54 AM

GT

“ Mr John Thompson was so kind to me as he helped me through the probate process after my husband's death. I will never forget him and will always count him as a great friend. May God keep the family through this most difficult of times. With sympathy, Gail Lilly Todd

Gail Todd - September 29, 2016 at 09:57 AM

RA

“ I met Mr. Thompson when I started working as a legal secretary many years ago. He was the epitome of a southern gentleman, always treating you with a smile and respect. He was a man of integrity. Later as I married (Mrs. Barbara, possibly one of your former students Johnny C. Allen), the Thompson Law Firm became his "go to" place for advice. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, the family, and his extended law family.

Rachel and Johnny Allen - September 26, 2016 at 09:22 AM

LD

“ *Larry Dickerson loved Mr. John. An example of a man who would do anything for you. He was his fishing partner.*

Larry Dickerson - September 25, 2016 at 08:10 PM

LB

So sorry of your loss, went to high school with John. he was a gentleman! Lois (Reynolds) Blanchard.

Lois Reynolds Blanchard - July 28, 2017 at 10:46 AM

SR

“ *Barbara and family,*

My prayers and thoughts are with you. We are all saddened by the death of John. He was always a pleasure to be around and I will never forget his chuckle...He was truly a lawyer's, lawyer. May God keep and bless you in the days ahead.

Sylvia Richardson

Sylvia Richardson - September 25, 2016 at 12:05 PM

