



## Thurman Bessant

December 8, 1933 - December 14, 2015

Mr. Thurman O. Bessant, 82, husband of Estelle J. Bessant, passed away Monday, December 14, 2015 at Agape Rehabilitation of Conway.

Born December 8, 1933 in Conway he was the son of the late James Thomas ???Tommie??? and Frances Chestnut Bessant. Mr. Bessant retired from Wolverine Brass as an inspector. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and beekeeping. Mr. Bessant was a member of Conway Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Bessant was predeceased by four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Estelle Jones Bessant; his children, Wanda (Jimmy) Barnhill, Rose (Douglas) Hardwick, and Jamie (Sheila) Bessant; his grandchildren, Marsha, Steven, Stephanie, Brandon, Chris, and Nikki; and his great-grandchildren, Sunny, Copper, Madalyn, Ariel, Courtney, Mason, and Brailee.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00PM Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, officiated by Rev. Phillip Cannon and Rev. Clyde Hendrix. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Union Baptist Church Cemetery in Aynor. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday at 1:00PM. The family will also receive friends at Conway Free Will Baptist Church (Hwy. 701 South) following the graveside committal service. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place MS 271, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.



# Tribute Wall

TL

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. But our loss is heavens gain. When Marvin called us it was a shock! Marvin told us late Monday that the funeral would be Tuesday but when I called the funeral home to find out the time of the funeral, I was told by a worker there that the arrangements had not been made. I checked online yesterday evening and the funeral was already over. We are sorry we did not make it to the visitation nor funeral cause we thought a lot of Mr. Thurman. he blessed our hearts when he, Mrs. Estelle, Jamie and all of his family came to the church on Pauls birthday on Feb. 8. We love you all and are praying God will comfort and strengthen the family in the days ahead! Love and prayers, Rev. Paul and Terry Lambert, Whiteville NC.

Terry Lambert - December 16, 2015 at 07:50 AM

JT

“ Joanne And Randy Thompkins lit a candle in memory of Thurman Bessant



joanne and randy thompkins - December 15, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts - The Hart Family



Maria Hart - December 15, 2015 at 03:55 PM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss. God bless your family. 🙏🙏🙏

pamela simmons - December 15, 2015 at 03:38 PM

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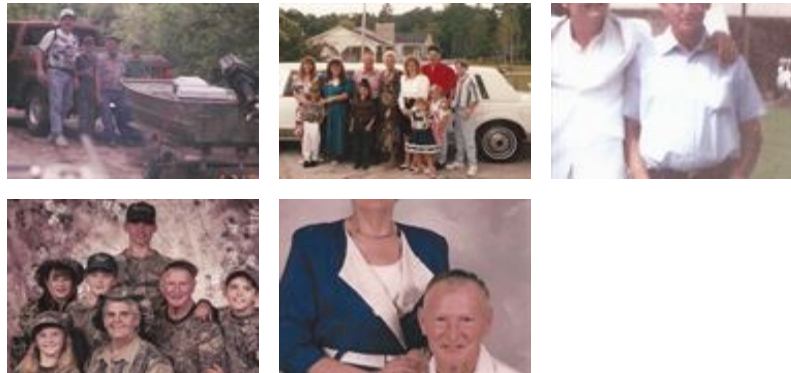
“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God give you comfort and strength.

*Paula Huggins*

Paula Huggins - December 15, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - December 15, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, so hard to lose Dad!  
Sending our love to everyone, and my thoughts & prayers



December 15, 2015 at 09:53 AM

CV

“ *Mr. Thurman Bessant, We will missed you. So sorry for Mr Thurman passing away . We will be praying for the Family . Clayton & Shirley Vereen*



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**Clayton & Shirley Vereen** - December 15, 2015 at 06:57 AM

HS

“ Dear Estelle, Jamie, Shelia, Brandon, and Nikki,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you are hurting right now and pray*

*that your pain will soon pass as our Lord comforts you.*

*He was "Mr. Bessant" to me. He was always hospitable, and generous, and treated*

*me as if I were part of his family. He shared food and drink, bee's wax, and hunting*

*trips, He shared stories and gave sound advice, but only if I asked for it.*

*I will remember him most for his toughness, determination, and iron will!*

*I respect and admire his example.*

*I expect to see him again!*

*I love you every one.*

*Hugh*

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**Hugh Strickland** - December 15, 2015 at 05:57 AM

CA

“ Carey & Cynthia Alford sent a virtual gift in memory of Thurman Bessant



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**Carey & Cynthia Alford** - December 14, 2015 at 10:22 PM

KS

“ Kevin, Meagan, and Marley Smith purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Thurman Bessant.



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**Kevin, Meagan, and Marley Smith** - December 14, 2015 at 05:52 PM