



Forrest D. Leeper

July 21, 1924 - May 12, 2013

Forrest Dwight Leeper Forrest Dwight Leeper went home to be with the Lord on the evening of May 8, 2013. He was born on July 21, 1924, to Thomas S. Leeper and Alta Blanc Leeper in Fredericksburg, Ohio. He was the oldest of three boys; his younger brothers who predeceased him were T. Earl Leeper and Harold Leeper. After his father's health worsened from WWI service related illness, the family moved from the farm, and Forrest was raised in Wooster, Ohio. Even though the Great Depression and his father's incapacity made for difficult times, Forrest and his brothers enjoyed growing up in Wooster. Forrest joined Boy Scouts of America, and thus began a lifelong adventure as he continued throughout his life until his health no longer allowed him to actively participate. He earned his eagle and 2 palms, and as an adult leader earned the Wood Badge, the Good Shepherd and Silver Beaver awards. He saw his two sons and his grandson enjoy Scouting and achieve their Eagle rank. Forrest's father died when Forrest was a teenager and his Uncle Alfred Blanc then became an important influence on his life. Forrest began university at Wooster College when WWII intervened. He entered the United States Army and served in the infantry, specializing in communications. He was in the 91st Division. His unit originally shipped out to North Africa and was being sent to combat at Oran when that battle ended. He entered into combat at Anzio on the Italian coast. Forrest was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with 2 oak leaves. After V.E. day, Forrest's unit was shipbound for the Pacific Theater when the atomic bombs were

dropped and Japan surrendered. When Forrest returned home, he continued his education at Michigan State University where he earned a degree in Forestry. Ultimately, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service which led him to East Texas. While in Huntsville, he met the love of his life, Dorothy Ann Bradley. They married on November 29, 1953. After being assigned in east Texas and western Louisiana, Forrest and Dorothy wanted to come back to Huntsville. Forrest joined the U.S. Post Office where he worked as a mail carrier and rural mail carrier until his retirement. While in Huntsville, he served with the emergency Corps and continued his long involvement with Boy Scouts in the Sam Houston Council, George Strake District. In Scouts, he participated as an advisor, committeeman and Assistant Scout Master for Troop 114; he participated in the Order of the Arrow and explorers during his years. He experienced his greatest satisfaction in the participation of his sons and grandson and as he saw very many of "his" Scouts grow into fine young men over his more than 60 years of Scouting. Forrest was a member of First Baptist Church of Huntsville for more than 60 years and was a longtime deacon. He served many years on the sound system committee. As one of the sound system operators for those many years, he put to use the operating and repair skills he learned with radios and other communications equipment in the Army. In their walk with the Lord at First Baptist, he and Dorothy met many dear friends at church. Forrest and Dorothy had three children, all born in Huntsville: Janet, Paul and Thomas. Because of the fine Christian home they provided, all three children feel blessed and are leading successful, happy lives. Forrest is survived by his children, Janet George and husband Lloyd, Paul Leeper and wife Barbara, Thomas A. Leeper; grandson Daniel; step-grandchildren Jennifer Slivensky, Phillip George, Gregory George; 5 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Margaret Leeper. He is preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Ann, his father and mother Thomas S. and Alta Leeper and his brothers, Earl and Harold. Forrest will lie in state at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Huntsville, Texas on Saturday, May 11, 2013, 10:00 a.m. until 7:00p.m., with family receiving friends from 5:00 p.m.

until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 1229 Ave. J, with interment to follow at Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville. In lieu of flowers, well wishers may make donations to Boy Scouts of America, Troop 114, c/o Karla Christian, Treasurer, 2604 Bois d'Arc Dr., Huntsville TX 77320 or their website troop0114@gmail.com, H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum 463 State Hwy 75 N, Huntsville Texas, 77320 or First Baptist Church 1229 Avenue J, Huntsville, TX 77340 Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Forrest D. Leeper*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



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From: Floyd Vice 08/31/2013 05:26 PM*

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MW

“ I am sorry that I was out of town when your dad passed away and during funeral. He and your mom were wonderful neighbors. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - June 11, 2013 at 09:47 AM

CD

“ Thomas, what a wonderful life.....such rich heritage and service to community, country, and family. Hold your chin high with pride, what an amazing man to honor, and legacy that you are continuing. I regret that I never made his acquaintance. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts during this time.

Chrissy Sonsel Dahse - May 14, 2013 at 09:15 AM

NG

“ Thomas and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

nancy gray - May 13, 2013 at 09:31 PM

RS

“ Paul and Family,
I am sorry to hear of your fathers passing, through all the stories you have told of him I could tell he was great man. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Robbie and Sabrina Siems - May 11, 2013 at 01:09 PM

GM

“ Thomas, we were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, and extend our heartfelt sympathies to you. I don't think we are ever ready to lose our parents, no matter how old or "grown-up" we are. It appears your father embraced a life of service and caring, and I know you must be very proud of him. Our prayers are with you.

George & Beth Miles - May 11, 2013 at 12:02 PM

PL

“ Dear Janet and Family,
What a terrific life he lived! While his passing is a sad time for everyone, he now lives whole and secure in eternity. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Travel home safely.
Peggy and LaVerne

Peggy and LaVerne Lovell - May 11, 2013 at 08:36 AM

BW

“ Thomas, Bill and I were so sorry to hear of your Dad's death. He was a very special man and I know you will miss him terribly. We are praying for you and the rest of your family. May the memories you have bring you peace and comfort.

Bill & Sherri Williamson - May 10, 2013 at 11:05 PM

ME

“ Thomas:
Although we share your sadness upon the death of your father, we are happy to celebrate his life and his outstanding contributions to his nation, state and community. His service in both the Boy Scouts of America and the United States Army speak loudly and clearly about his values, principles, beliefs, character and commitment to excellence as an American patriot. He was a great man and an outstanding example to the youth of America. Forrest Leeper can never be replaced. He is, however, a man to be remembered and honored by all of us privileged to know him.

Mickey & Linda Evans - May 10, 2013 at 07:43 PM

JW

“ *Thomas and family, we offer our condolences and prayers to you. In such a difficult time, may you be reassured that God's peace, mercy and grace will get you through.*

Jim and Janice Willett - May 10, 2013 at 07:10 PM

SB

“ *I want to express my sincere condolences to the family in your time of loss.*

May His peace saturate you all.

Steve Beavers

Steve Beavers - May 10, 2013 at 06:31 PM

DW

“ *Janet, Mark and I are sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family. May God carry you through this time and comfort you in his peaceful embrace.*

Diane and Mark Weber - May 10, 2013 at 01:58 PM

KC

“ *The families of Boy Scout Troop 114 offer our deepest condolences. We are grateful for Mr. Leeper's service to the Huntsville scouting community.*

Karla Christian - May 10, 2013 at 11:49 AM

RP

“ *Thomas and family,
I will always remember what an inspiration Mr. Leeper was to the Boy Scouts and everyone that knew him. May God provide comfort and peace during this difficult time. Always carry the wonderful memories in your heart. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

Ruby

Ruby Pierce - May 10, 2013 at 10:57 AM

SM

“ *I pray peace and comfort to the family as they say goodbye to their loved one. Thank you Jesus for allowing me the priviledge of having been blessed to know Mr. Leeper.*

Sandy Murphy - May 10, 2013 at 10:52 AM

MF

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. He was a wonderful neighbor to my parents for many, many years. I know you will miss him but you have wonderful memories to keep him alive in your hearts.*

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Monetta (Mooney) Frenza - May 10, 2013 at 09:32 AM

HB

“ Thomas, I am so sorry to hear about your father's passing. Please know that I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace.

Heddi A. Bonham - May 10, 2013 at 09:04 AM

HH

“ Thomas and family, your Dad will always be remembered as you share the stories, and the memories of how he lived his life, and how much he meant , may you find comfort. Keeping you in my thoughts and Prayers.

Helen Harding - May 10, 2013 at 08:05 AM

TS

“ Thomas, we were so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He was a good man, lived a good life. We know you will miss him greatly. You and your family are in our prayers.

Tommy and Beverly Stewart - May 09, 2013 at 09:44 PM