



Randolph "Randy" Thompson

November 15, 1966 - July 23, 2024

Randolph (Randy) Thompson, age 58, passed away on July 23, 2024, in Huntsville, Texas. He was born on November 15, 1966, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Randy had a heart for service. He served his country with honor, courage, and dedication for 27 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program in 2013. In 2020, Randy opened Granny Mary's Cajun-Asian Cuisine in honor of his grandmother. Randy derived great pleasure in sharing more than 60 years of family recipes by serving a delicious fusion menu that blended the flavors and dishes of his hometown of New Orleans and his wife's Filipino culture. Randy devoted his time in service to the greater Huntsville community as a volunteer for the Huntsville Meals on Wheels and by personally supporting food drives to help fill the empty pantries of the local mission and had recently hosted an ice cream giveaway for a local school. He was a member of the Walker County Chamber of Commerce and Huntsville Downtown Business Alliance and carved out time to mentor other small businesses. Randy embraced service to God through his work by supporting the Calvary Baptist Church in Florida and Grace Baptist Church in Huntsville. A social media post from a thoughtful supporter captured Randy's essence describing him as a person who cared about others and who gave selflessly to the community without ever asking for anything in return.

We celebrate Randy's life of service to God, country, community, and family. He leaves a legacy as a devoted husband to Mercedita (Mercy)Thompson. He

was a loving father to daughter Stasia and two sons Harry and Joshua Thompson. He was a grandfather to Eduardo Santiago and a stepfather to Nathan and Dean. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Trudy Thompson, and late wife Heather Munro Thompson. Randy leaves behind a host of family, friends, and supporters and customers of Granny Mary's Cajun-Asian Cuisine.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at Grace Baptist Church, 248 TX-19 in Huntsville, Texas, followed by military internment at 1:45 p.m., at the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive in Houston, Texas. Services have been entrusted to Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77038
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
248 TX-19
Huntsville, TX 77340

Graveside Service

AUG 5. 1:45 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ The memory that I have of Randy was of him inviting a bunch of Mercy’s family and distant family, (that’s where I came in), to a thanksgiving meal at his home. He was building up the courage throughout the day until the thanksgiving meal. You can see he was nervous and worried about our reactions to what he and mercy were going to say. Everyone knew they were going to announce that they’re getting engaged, and everyone cool with it. As soon as he said he “we’re getting engaged” we all clapped and saw the look of relief on his face. I can tell his love for Mercy was genuine. He’s a good man and bless his family.

With my condolences,
Patrick Hughes

Patrick Hughes - August 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JZ

“ I think Randy started GMCA like there was an asteroid coming. Never a lazy day. I have a hazy recollection that he contacted me and said, “I’m going to start a food truck.” Since I own a small business we talked at length about taxes, incorporation, licenses, finances, and more. I knew he was a solid cook and thought his idea was a great offering to our ancestors, but most food business is fraught with peril. I thought I had put up enough roadblocks to keep him in development for a few years. Next thing I know, he calls me a few months later and says, “Okay, I got the trailer and signage.” I was terrified for him. Soon after, many troubles, but always ultimate success. Shoot, aim, ready - Randy. Always present; no time for fear.

Jason Zavala - August 05, 2024 at 10:07 AM

JZ

“ Randy with Granny Mary’s youngest sister, Barbara Farr and one of Granny’s daughters, Judy Thompson (my mom) and me. He absolutely adored his aunts; they embraced him. He was taking photos of my mom as she fumbled to get a good video of us waiting in the cold. Good to see him smile; he had a rich laugh. (December 2010, Chattanooga, brunch @ Aretha Frankenstein’s)



Jason Zavala - August 05, 2024 at 09:31 AM

LM

“ Lance, Andrea, Liam and Athena McKeever planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randolph "Randy" Thompson.

Lance, Andrea, Liam and Athena McKeever - August 04, 2024 at 02:45 PM

LM

“ Lance, Andrea, Liam and Athena McKeever purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Randolph "Randy" Thompson.



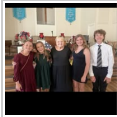
Lance, Andrea, Liam and Athena McKeever - August 04, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Mellicent Wiley lit a candle in memory of Randolph "Randy" Thompson*



Mellicent Wiley - July 31, 2024 at 09:51 AM



I'm sorry for your loss.

Mellicent Wiley - July 31, 2024 at 09:52 AM

NT

“ *With each passing day, I send up prayers of comfort and healing for Mercy and the members Randy's family.*



ND Thomas - July 30, 2024 at 11:54 PM

JZ

“ I would put myself at 8 and Randy at 12 yrs old. He is my 1st cousin, and we would mostly visit during family gatherings at Granny Mary’s house in Chalmette, La. He let me tag along in whatever he was getting into, and I trusted him because he was a generous and kind older brother type. He was also the youngest of his siblings. We regularly ventured around the marshy waterway near Granny’s home. Once, we came upon a bounty of lightning bugs in the tall grasses. Randy caught one, showed it to me, and then lightly smushed it on my face, leaving a florescent smudge. He laughed so hard at my disgust. It wasn’t done to me, but in a connective tribal kind of way. I’m sure this “hunting” and comradery continued until dusk or hunger called.

Separately, during those tween years, I recall we were playing in Granny’s yard one quiet afternoon. Randy found a dead crow and brought it inside and started to peck at Granny’s shoulder and make cawing sounds while she was at the kitchen sink. She turned to see what he was irritating her with, screamed at him, laughed, and chased us out. He was a stitch. Great low-level hooligan.

Even though we lost touch in our 20s/30s, we slipped back into a similar brotherly relationship later in life. I am glad to have known him twice and benefited from sharing joys, successes, and trials and tribulations together. Love and miss him.

And yes, our grandmother was a masterful chef. He honored her greatly.

Jason Zavala - July 30, 2024 at 08:24 PM

PF

“ Paul and Clarissa Furst planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randolph "Randy" Thompson.

Paul and Clarissa Furst - July 30, 2024 at 08:07 PM

PF

“ Paul and Clarissa Furst purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Randolph "Randy"
Thompson.



Paul and Clarissa Furst - July 30, 2024 at 08:07 PM

HF

“ Hughes Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randolph "Randy"
Thompson.

Hughes Family. - July 30, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Randolph "Randy" Thompson.



July 30, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RH

“ Randy was a great friend to so many. He will truly be missed. He
leaves behind a great legacy. May God bless the Thompson family
and provide comfort during this time.



Rob Hipp - July 30, 2024 at 01:38 PM



Can we share your photos in his memorial video?

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“ *A few photos I have on hand*



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“ *Prayers to the family and friends of Randy Thompson for comfort and healing from our Lord.*



Marvin Hyvl - July 30, 2024 at 11:07 AM