



Neal Thompson

September 12, 1943 - July 28, 2025

Garnett Neal Thompson, 81, of 214 April Lane, Danville, VA, died on Monday, July 28, 2025 at Sovah Health in Danville after a long battle with cancer.

Neal was born on September 12, 1943 in Danville, VA, a son of the late G. Garnett Thompson and Mary Gertrude Fuller Thompson. He spent his entire life in the Danville area where he worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 32 years until his retirement. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

He was a member of the American Legion Dan River Post 1097. In his free time, he enjoyed playing golf, fishing, and feeding wildlife, especially deer.

Neal was married to Joy Hamlett Thompson, and they shared 65 years of marriage together.

In addition to his wife, Neal is survived by his daughter, Kim Thompson Lewis (Jay) of Danville, VA and Cindy Thompson Long (Kevin) of Roxboro, NC; grandchildren, Joshua Lewis, Justin Lewis, Spencer Boyd; a great grandchild, Holden Lewis; sisters, Linda Thompson Reid of Burlington, NC and Anne Thompson Knight of Danville, VA.

A graveside service will be conducted on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 11:00

A.M. at Danville Memorial Gardens with the Pastor Wade Rowland officiating.

The family will be at the residence, 214 April Lane, Danville, VA 24540.

Memorial donations can be made to Mount Hermon Fire and Rescue at 4268 Franklin Turnpike, Danville, VA 24540 or to the Pittsylvania Pet Center at 11880 US-29, Chatham, VA 24531.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Thompson family.

Cemetery Details

Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens
510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Cindy and family;
I am so very sorry for your loss. Losing a parent is most difficult.
Cindy, you favor your dad. Just remember: he's not in any pain
anymore. He's walking those Streets of Gold and he will always
be in your heart and keeping an eye on his loved ones.
God bless you all during this sad time.
Billie

BILLIE WYATT - July 30, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Neal Thompson.



July 30, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ A [Memorial
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Neal Thompson.

July 30, 2025 at 09:14 AM

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“ My condolences to the family, especially Cindy and Kevin.

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Elsye - July 29, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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My sincere sympathy to Joy and family.

Kenneth Merricks - July 29, 2025 at 07:48 PM

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Kim, we are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Harold and Yvonne Haraway

Harold Haraway - July 30, 2025 at 09:39 AM