



## Bernard Lee Thompson

September 24, 1936 - October 24, 2015

Bernard Lee Thompson, 79, of Cross Junction died Saturday, October 24, 2015 in Blue Ridge Hospice Inpatient Care Center.

He was born September 24, 1936 in Fairmont, WV the son of Harry and Mildred Lowe Thompson.

He was married to Donna Hoult Thompson for 54 years.

Professionally, he was an educator serving as both a teacher and an administrator.

He was a member and lay-leader at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Bernie was an animal lover. He volunteered at the Esther Boyd Animal Shelter and taught classes at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister Susanne Roberts and her husband Roland of Pasadena, MD and numerous nieces and nephews.

His siblings, Harry Thompson, Jr., Gertrude Conner, Dorothy Thompson, Louise Nuzum, Margaret Steele, and Dolores Ferguson are deceased.

A funeral will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church,

620 Chapel Hill Road, Cross Junction with Reverend Phil Brumback officiating.

Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery.

Friends will be received two hours prior to the service in the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street Winchester, VA 22601.

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Susanne and Roland Roberts*  
*My dear brother Bernie,*  
*I have waited awhile before writing my thoughts of you which are so hard to put down on paper. You were a special brother, I could talk to you about anything.*  
*You made people feel happy just being around you. I loved you so much and will never forget you. Remember in highschool we got it for best dancers, they sais quote, Goodness sakes man alive look at the Thompsons doing the jive. We had so much fun together.*  
*You will always be loved by everyone especially your brother and sisters, I miss you so much, we would talk sports so much,, I learned so much about sports from you.*  
*I think of you every day, God Bless you.your sis,Susie*

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**Susanne and Roland Roberts** - March 01, 2016 at 04:24 PM

GV

“ *Bernie or Mr. T as we referred to him was ccool. He knew who was the real "bad kid" and who wasn't. I remember that he could tell truth from fiction. It's been over 30 years and I still think of him as one of the cool teachers.*

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**Gwen Spencer VanVoorhis** - November 02, 2015 at 07:38 PM

AC

“ I am very sorry to hear of his passing. He was an administrator at W T Woodson High School when I attended. He was very well liked and admired. He was funny and kind and definitely had some interesting stories to tell.

*"Mr. T" is well remembered by former students.*

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**Anita C.** - November 02, 2015 at 05:24 PM

NA

“ Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. You and Bernie helped so many people over the years. I hope your memories will eventually be of the good times only. You two shared love which is a gift. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

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**Nancy Auer** - October 29, 2015 at 06:33 AM

MT

“ Bernie was such a fun guy. Although our association with Bernie was strictly with the Club, he was one of the first people we met. He welcomed us and made us feel at home.

*Our fondest memories are of Bernie doing his YoYo tricks at the pre-show dinner. It was kind of crazy but everyone, including the Judges, loved the entertainment.*

*Please accept our sincere sympathy on your loss.*

*John and Mary*

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**Mary Trimble** - October 28, 2015 at 04:45 PM

MA

“ Donna, Bernie will be missed to be sure. I have been thinking of his positive attitude, his smile, his laugh. The way he could explain the fine details of reading your dog. How much fun he had running a dog in the agility ring. I can't help but think he is surrounded by all his students right now and they are having a grand time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Brian and Marci

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**Marci and Brian Anderson** - October 27, 2015 at 12:14 PM

JH

“ Bernie was forever the mentor and teacher. Our hearts are broken. We can focus on all the good and unselfish things he did for people. He was a positive teacher, loyal friend mentor, loving husband. He is at rest now, but will not be forgotten.

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**Julie Hogan** - October 27, 2015 at 10:54 AM

CE

“ Dearest Donna,

*Bernie...one in a million. He could make anyone laugh, and always had a funny story ready to tell. A heart as big as they come, and unfailingly kind. So many memories.... Rest in peace dear Bernie, the memories you have left behind will keep you with us forever.*

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**Clint & Judi Edwards** - October 27, 2015 at 09:31 AM

RG

“ Donna & Family,

*Praying for peace and comfort for you. You and Bernie introduced us to OB and tracking. So many good times. However those silly Springers are the real bond we have. I can only imagine the floppy ears and wiggle butts loving on Bearnie.*

*Hugss and blessings,  
R&R*

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**Rick & Rita Gatlin** - October 26, 2015 at 07:58 PM

JK

“ *I have so much to thank Bernie for...*

*Most importantly his assistance in leading me to my career in the classroom. He was a wonderful mentor and kind beyond words. So many good times with the two of you at Camp Jackpot. Bernie was forever laying a track for someone he wanted to help He was one of a kind and I feel blessed to have known him*

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**Janet Kolakoski** - October 26, 2015 at 07:11 PM

BG

“ *Bernie was such a special man. I remember so many good times out in the fields and at the lunches with him. He gave so much to the world. He will be missed.*

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**Beth Goodbody** - October 26, 2015 at 06:45 PM

DT

“ *Bernie was my favorite person to hang around with at agility and tracking trials. I just loved to sit at ringside and listen to him tell stories. He was a great storyteller and more than once had me laughing and crying at the same time. He was also a role-model for me as a dog trainer, an educator and a husband. I will think of him very often and remember the lessons he taught me.*

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**Dan Tratnack** - October 26, 2015 at 05:27 PM

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“ *We are saddened to hear of Bernie's passing. I remember the good times from high school and the friendship he and his family gave to me. Bernie was liked by all and I do not think he ever met a person he did not like.*

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**Frank and Dixie Yann** - October 26, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Donna, I am sorry to hear of Bernie's passing. He will be missed. He was such a great help to the club and to me personally especially in tracking.*

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October 26, 2015 at 09:54 AM

KA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Donna. Bernie was a friendly guy with excellent ideas when he serviced as lay leader. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

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**Karen M Adams** - October 26, 2015 at 09:44 AM