



## Delmar Thompson

June 15, 2013

### Obituary of Delmar Thompson

Delmar W. "Buz" Thompson Jr., 67, The Villages, FL died on Saturday, June 15, 2013. He was born in 1946 in Memphis, TN. He had lived in Louisville, KY and Fort Worth, TX before moving to The Villages in October 2011. Buz was a graduate of Whitehaven HS and UT-Knoxville. He served as a US Air Force Pilot in the Viet Nam War Flying C-141 and C-130 cargo Planes. He was a professional airline pilot with Eastern Airlines and United Parcel Service. He was Baptist by faith and loved animals.

Survivors include his wife: Judy of The Villages, FL; brothers-in-law: Mark Eubanks of Conroe, TX & Doug Eubanks of Harrisburg, PA. Cousins: Mike Thompson Jonesboro, AR, Karen Dickey of Nesbit, MS, Gwen Tutor and Dwayne Thompson of Cordova, TN, Kathleen Leech of Southaven, MS, Roi Solberg of Madison, WI. Nephews: Rudie Heath of Southaven, MS, Steven Heath of Enid, MS.

He was predeceased by his parents: DW "Sam" and Monteze Finnie Thompson and a Sister: Loretta Fortin.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 11:00 AM, at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake, FL with Dr. Alan Holden officiating. Inurnment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Sumter County Humane Society, P.O. Box 67, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delmar Thompson*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Buz passing. Know that my prayers are with all of you who were his loved ones. I can only imagine how painful this is. You are all in my prayers. Time will help heal the pain. (Sorry about the Typos, but I can't get rid of them. Yncc )*

**Carol Anne Gaston Stark** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I went to Whitehaven with Buzzy who was a couple of years younger than me. I had not seen him in awhile but I remember him as such a funny, nice man. May God Bless you and your family during this difficult time.....~Cecelia Mathews Van*

**Cecelia Mathews Van** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Buzz was not only one of the finest pilots I have ever known but as fine a person as well. I met him in 1987 and he made a personal and professional difference in my life. RIP Captain. The skies are safer today because of your dedication to your students. You will be missed.*

**Baxter Eaves** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolences to Judy and Mike and the family in this sudden loss. I only knew Buz through Mike and some time I spent in football but I know he will be missed.*

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**Ed Fuller (63)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Buz, Rest in Peace my friend, Rest in Peace.*

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**O.T. Blankenship** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Judy we were so saddened to pick up the paper and see that buz had passed,he was a good man and you guys have been good friends to us we have tryed to contact you guys but didnt know where or how.our hearts go out to you we will be lifting you up in prayer,all our love to you larry an anna lathem if you need someone to talk to heres my phone 502-615-1921would love to hear from you.*

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**larry an anna lathem** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Dear Judy, My heartfelt sympathies to you and you family.I will keep you all in my prayers. Since Pete died in March I have been left with an enormous hole in my life. But friends, family and the grace of God have helped me through. I wish these things and the comfort and peace that go with them. If you should ever feel like talking to someone who is experiencing the same loss, please contact me. Maybe we can help each other. Love and prayers, Joyce*

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**Joyce Teel (Mrs. Peter Teel)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Buz was one of the first people I met when I came to UPS. He interviewed me for the management position I now hold. I had been told that Buz would zero in on some logbook issue and would question you to see how you behaved. I was prepared for him to grill me. But he found out that I was working alternative fuels in the AF Reserve and we spent about 45 minutes talking about that and about "peak oil." It was a thoroughly enjoyable conversation... one I wasn't ready for! My sympathies to your family for your loss.  
Sincerely Chris Belanger B757 Capt, UPS Airlines

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**Chris Belanger** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Wow, I don't even know where to begin. Buz was an icon at UPS. Even today, a student will be asked a question and know the answer because Buz taught it to him 20 years ago. Although Buz retired many years ago, those of us on the Airbus still think of Buz when we see those orange manual covers. I never hear Rocky Top or see anything having to do with the University of Tennessee that I don't think of Buz. My heart goes out to you Judy. I don't know how you heal from a loss like this, but I pray that you find comfort in knowing that he was loved by his UPS family and friends and will be greatly missed!

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**Lisa Hardison** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

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**BL** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM