



Gerry Vandrill Thompson

July 15, 1932 - November 4, 2023

Gerry Vandrill Thompson, 91, passed away November 4, 2023 in The Villages, Florida.

Mr. Thompson was born in Lancashire, England, came to The United States in 1956, residing in Macon GA and moved to Ft. Lauderdale Florida in 1960. Mr. Thompson was a manufacturers' representative in the ceramic tile industry until 1972 when he formed his own tile importing and distributing business, specializing in swimming pool tiles. Gerry was a long-time member of the Southern Tile, Terrazzo & Marble Contractors' Association (STTMCA) and also the Ceramic Tile Distributors' Association (CTDA) and the National Swimming Pool Institute (NSPI). He retired in 1998.

Gerry and his wife Lynn moved part time to The Villages in 2006, spending half of the year in Blowing Rock, NC until 2012 when he became a full time Villages resident. He was an active member of New Covenant United Methodist Church. Mr. Thompson was an avid tennis player who, for years, carried a Florida State ranking. He was also a former member of the board of directors of the Florida Tennis Association.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Lynn, Villages; son, Jeff Thompson (Bo), Charlotte, NC , daughter, Susan Washburn, Asheville, and grandchildren: Julia Margiotti,

Lilley and Charlie Washburn. He is also survived by his brother Robin (Margaret) Lighthouse Point, FL step brother Robin Eddleston (Susan) England, step sister Katherine Mandziak (Michael) England; nephews Anthony Nightingale, Charleston, SC, Colin Nightingale, Wales, UK, and Steve Ridley, Lilburn, GA and nieces Anne Gould (Neil), England, UK, Katherine Morris (Michael), Edmond, OK, Julie Thompson, Ormond Beach, FL, and Mechelle Oh (Chris), Wellington, FL.

Services will be at a later date.

Arrangements are by Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

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“*Sorry. Did not know he died. Enjoyed playing tennis with Gerry. We shared the same issues with foot drop and worked together to try to keep playing. We both stopped last year due to increased balance issues. Sorry to see you go Gerry.*”

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