

Conard Cornelius Tharpe, Jr.

June 29, 1930 - January 11, 2025

Conard Cornelius Tharpe, Jr., 94, of Mooresville, NC passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2025.

He was born on June 29, 1930, in Ronda, NC to the late Conard C. Tharpe, Sr. and Mary Ada Johnson Tharpe. Conard was a 1949 graduate of Elkin High School. He then attended and played football at Gardner Webb College for a year before enlisting in the US Army, where he served his country during the Korean War. He met his future wife, Gene, after his return, and they married in June 1955. He received a bachelor's degree at NC State and a master's degree at Appalachian State.

Conard was an Industrial Arts teacher and taught at Mooresville Junior High School, Dunbar School, and Mooresville Senior High School and ended his career as the vocational director for the Mooresville Graded School District.

He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church, Mooresville and the Mooresville Rotary Club. Conard was an outdoorsman who enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing from Manteo to Murphy.

During retirement, he and his wife Imogene "Gene" enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Canada. He did volunteer work after retirement, working in the Mooresville Soup Kitchen at First Baptist Church

and, along with other retirees, built handicap ramps for those in need.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Imogene "Gene" Covington Tharpe; brothers and sisters: Frank Tharpe and wife, Betty, Charlie Tharpe and wife, Nina, Lewis Tharpe and wife, Sue, Susie Poplin and husband, Jack, Ada Lou Dimmette and husband, Charlie, Frances Key and husband, Arlie, Ruth Pardue and husband, Sec, Hope Combs and husband, Hoover, and June Tharpe.

Those left to cherish Conard's memory are his daughter, Ann Schultz and husband, Scott and his grandson Tyler Schultz.

A memorial service will be held as 3:00 PM, on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at First Baptist Church Mooresville with Pastor Seth Denney and B.J. Dillard officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church 150 S Church Street, Mooresville, NC 28115 or Richard's Coffee Shop & Military Museum 165 N Main Street Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Tharpe family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church-Mooresville
150 S. Church Street
Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

JAN **25**. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

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My condolences to you and your family. What a great man!!!
Debbie Coone Kolkebeck and Family

Debbie Coone Kolkebeck - January 25, 2025 at 11:40 AM

RS

“ The family of Conrad will be in my prayers. Conrad was always a pleasure and delight to be around . We shared many times together in Vocational Directors meetings in North Wilkesboro, Raleigh, and other wonderful places. His bright smile and happy ways will be missed. Since our retirement we met for lunch at different locations and when Jean and Conrad were able to come they brought smile and good feelings to the HayBailers group.

Roger and Geraldine Slone

Roger Slone - January 24, 2025 at 04:15 PM

MF

“ *Much Love ~ Glenda Schultz & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Conard Cornelius Tharpe, Jr..*



Much Love ~ Glenda Schultz & family - January 24, 2025 at 01:07 PM

AB

“ *Oh Ann, I just saw this. Praying for you. ❤️*

anne auten baker - January 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JC

“ *To the Tharpe Family:
Ann, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. He will be missed! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless !
Jennifer Eakle Cook*

Jennifer Eakle Cook - January 17, 2025 at 06:53 PM

CM

“ *Cynthia McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Conard Cornelius Tharpe, Jr.*



Cynthia McLaurin - January 17, 2025 at 06:00 PM

BC

“ I had wonderful teachers and Mr Tharpe was definitely one of them. He assisted me when I made a bookcase in Shop Class at Jr High. When I finished, Mr Tharpe loaded the bookcase in the back of his little Chevrolet station wagon and took it home for me. This may be hard to believe but Mr Tharpe could tell a good joke. A great sense of humor. I enjoyed him as a teacher and into his retirement years.

Bobby Compton - January 16, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JC

To the Tharpe Family;
Good teacher, good listener. He will be missed. Anne, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless ! Jennifer Eakle Cook

Jennifer Eakle Cook - January 16, 2025 at 06:12 PM

RL

Mr Tharpe wasn't only one of my teachers, he was my long time neighbor and a good friend and role model. He's the reason I call most people "neighbor". And he also taught me the pinto bean song. I got my love of woodworking from him. When my parents died my baby sister moved into their house and he "adopted" the kids as his grandchildren. He even went to grandparents day at school. He will be missed by many. Rest in peace, neighbor.

Randall E Lee - January 30, 2025 at 10:19 AM

RW

“ Oh, Ann, I am having a hard time deciding what I want to say to you, your husband, and son! There are so many words that describe your father: humble, smart, loving, caring, easy-going, willing to help anyone who needs help, great gardener, friend, fellow teacher, not much of a talker, but when he says something, one needs to listen to him, etc. Janielle and I enjoyed him through out the years, especially the teacher get-togethers. I enjoyed working with him at the high school. Of course, as you know, I enjoyed teaching his daughter. You are a lot like your father: calm, smiling, but when you speak (either French or English) one listens. He lived a long time, didn't he? You took such good care of him after your mother died! Know that our prayers are with you during this time. Take care! Be safe! As the French say, "Que Dieu te bénisse!" (May God bless you!) Love, Monsieur and Janielle Watkins

Roy Watkins - January 16, 2025 at 10:46 AM

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“ Mooresville High School Class Of 1967 lit a candle in memory of Conard Cornelius Tharpe, Jr.



Mooresville High School Class of 1967 - January 16, 2025 at 07:19 AM

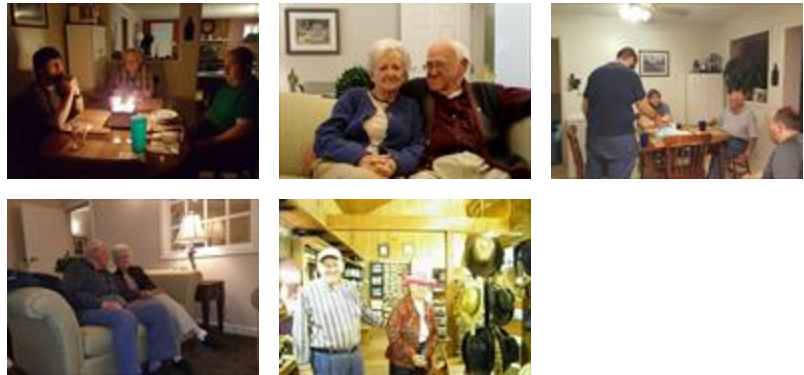
DC

“ great guy.he was my shop teacher in high school.always enjoyed his classes.he and his wife both were teachers and great people.rip mr tharpe.

dave cook - January 15, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



January 15, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



January 15, 2025 at 08:33 PM

AH

DEAR ANN FAMILY WORDS ARE HARD SOMETIMES YOUR DAD AND MOM WERE SO PRECIOUS TO ROY AND ME (AUDRY) THE TIMES I TOOK THEM ON TRIPS TO JUST GET OUT AND SEE THE COUNTRYSIDE AND BE OUTSIDE FOR A TIME REALLY MEANT A LOT TO ME. THE DINNERS WEHAD , AND THE TIMES AT PRAYER MEETINGS YEARS AGO WERE SO WONDERFUL. .THEY WERE KIND AND A LOT OF FUN. GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU .AUDRY.

audry HARRIS - January 17, 2025 at 01:38 PM

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Debbie Coone Kolkececk - January 25, 2025 at 11:24 AM