



## Thad Gray Morrison

May 31, 1937 - December 25, 2018

Thad Morrison went to be with his Heavenly Father on Christmas Day, 2018. He was 81 years old. Welcoming him there were his beloved wife of 47 years, Louise Bollinger Morrison; his parents, George and Alice Morrison and his six brothers, Pressley Morrison, Buddy Morrison, Hoyt Morrison, Winston Morrison, John T. Morrison and Garry Morrison.

Left to cherish his memory here are his son, Jeff Morrison and his wife, Sue; his daughter, Kim Cross and her husband, Tom; grandchildren, Kristina Nance and her husband, Brian, Brittney Morrison, Tanner Cross and Colby Cross; as well as his sister, Mary Ruth Lipe; sisters-in-law, Polly Caskaddon and Carole Morrison and his special and loving friend, Jean Shoffner. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Thad was born in Mooresville, NC, on May 31, 1937. He grew up helping on the family farm and attended Brawley School and graduated from Troutman High School, where he had many stories to tell of the antics he used to get into. He became a rodeo competitor; riding bucking bulls and broncos until breaking both his legs convinced him he'd had enough of that!

He went to work for Transco Gas Pipeline (now Williams) at the age of 22 and worked there for 30 years, retiring at the age of 52. He continued to consult with Transco and of course share the lasting friendships he made there. He then began to “dabble” a little in real estate; helping to develop the family farmland in both Mooresville and Troutman into residential neighborhoods, including Morrison Plantation and Morrison Cove, where he lived until his passing. Although never one to brag about it, he loved that his family name was carried on in these neighborhoods and loved to tell stories of how things “used to be” to interested neighbors; even speaking once to his grandson’s, Tanner, 4th Grade Class on the subject.

He and Louise were married on January 25, 1959, and were together nearly 47 years, until her death in 2006. In their later years, they began to enjoy traveling often, especially to Alaska. He was a lifelong member of Berea Baptist Church, telling people that he first attended when still in his mother’s womb. He served as a Deacon there over the years and was a member of the Adult Men’s II Sunday School Class. He was also a member of the South Iredell Lion’s Club.

All who knew him would agree that Thad had a keen sense of humor and loved to laugh; he was so appreciative of the many friends that visited once he was housebound. He could be tough, but everyone knew his bark was worse than his bite. He was a devoted family man until the very end; wanting to assure that all his family had the perfect Christmas gifts under his tree this

year. He will be missed immensely.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM, Sunday, December 30, 2018, at Berea Baptist Church, Mooresville, with Rev. Joshua Lathan, Rev. Ralph Sparrow and Rev. Dan Freeman officiating. He will lie in state 30 minutes prior to the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 PM, Saturday, December 29, 2018, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the North Carolina Lions Foundation, Camp Dogwood, 7050 Camp Dogwood Dr., Sherrills Ford, NC 28673. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Morrison. Condolences may be made to the Morrison family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Berea Baptist Church  
1015 River Hwy  
 Mooresville, NC 28117

## Graveside Service

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

Berea Baptist Church Cemetery  
1015 River Hwy,  
 Mooresville, NC 28117

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thad Gray Morrison*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Thad Gray Morrison*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Thad Gray Morrison*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *MARY RUTH*

*MARY RUTH SO SAD TO HEAR ABOUT THAD'S PASSING!  
I REMEMBER THE WONDERFUL TIMES WE HAD TOGETHER  
WHEN WE WERE  
JUST KIDS. ONE OF THE JOYS OF MY YOUNG LIFE WAS  
COMING TO YALL'S  
HOUSE AND EATING THOSE WONDERFUL TASTING  
WATERMELLONS YOUR DAD RAISED.  
MAY GOD'S BLESSING BE WITH YOU AND ALL THE FAMILY.  
MELVIN MPRRISON  
5475 AMITY COVE  
POWDER SPRINGS GA.  
30127*

**MELVIN MORRISON** - January 03, 2019 at 10:28 AM

BW

“ Jeff,  
*Sorry to hear about your dad. We haven't seen each other in probably 40 years. I know what it is like to loose a parent.*

*Billy Williams*

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**Billy Williams** - December 30, 2018 at 11:19 PM

PP

“ Jeff, Kim and family, Phil and I are so sorry for your loss. Your loss is also our loss as we loved Thad so much. Phil will miss sitting with him and laughing with him as they shared stories of their Transco days. Jean, we can't thank you enough for your friendship. Thad was a great man and he loved his family so much. He will be greatly missed.

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**Phil & Lynne Phelps** - December 29, 2018 at 09:06 AM

JK

“ May warm memories bring comfort and peace. Thad will be missed. Godspeed.... Greg and Janet

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**Janet K** - December 28, 2018 at 10:13 PM

JS

“ Jeff and Kim, so sorry to hear your dad. Thad and I worked together for Transco and he was a great friend. After we moved from North Carolina and I would return we would see each other on most visits. Last January when we were in Mooresville we had the pleasure of having dinner with Thad. He took our kids water skiing for their first time and they still mention it every so often. We will all miss Thad.

*Jerry Paul and Jo Smith*

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**Jerry Smith** - December 28, 2018 at 07:02 PM

BB

“ *Bertha Anne Ballard Bowen sent a virtual gift in memory of Thad Gray Morrison*



**Bertha Anne Ballard Bowen** - December 28, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thad Gray Morrison.*

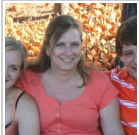


December 28, 2018 at 09:07 AM

CG

“ *My Mama Lucy Morrison Tess was Thad's father George's sister. She and I would always visit Uncle George and Aunt Alice. We went to visit just after Thad broke his legs and I remember him being layed up in the bed but still had a great sense of humor. Loved all my Morrison cousins.*

**Candy Tess Galloway** - December 28, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ *We loved having "Mr. Morrison" live across the street from our family. He was one of my husband Brian's dearest friends. We would always see him working in the yard or getting the mail. Mr. Morrison always asked about our kids and had a story to tell. He will be missed. You all are in our prayers.*

**Tammy Wilson** - December 27, 2018 at 12:38 PM

BL

“ *Betty Panarella (and Lucy) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thad Gray Morrison.*



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**Betty Panarella (and Lucy)** - December 26, 2018 at 05:38 PM

RS

“ *Jeff and Kim, so sad to hear about your Daddy. Pray you'll find peace and comfort through all your precious memories.*

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**Richard Stutts** - December 26, 2018 at 05:23 PM