



## Roy Vernon Thurman

July 6, 1928 - January 22, 2008

### Roy Thurman

Frankfort "Roy Vernon Thurman, 79, of Frankfort, died peacefully at the St. Joseph's Hospice Care Center following a long illness on January 22, 2008.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Georgia Thurman, of Lawrenceburg, and his brother, James Gilbert Thurman of Frankfort.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Betty Jean Housechild Thurman, his son, Roy Michael Thurman of Lexington, KY, two daughters, Lisa Marie Scott (John), Karen Sue Lile (Mike), both of Frankfort, two grandsons, Eric Michael Talley, Coleman Tyler Scott and two sisters, Edith Phillips and Aileen Hayes of Lawrenceburg.

He was a graduate of the Lawrenceburg High School class of 1946, former Sunday school teacher, choir member and elder, Highland Christian Church and present member, deacon and choir member, First Christian Church.

Roy organized and chartered the East Frankfort Optimist Club in 1959, created the National Guard Unit for Franklin County in 1955 with 35 members, (640 Target Acquisition Battalion, Battery A), a sergeant in the United States Army, serving in the Korean War and receiving a Combat Infantry Award Medal among other honors. He retired from state government after 30 years of service with the Transportation and Finance and Administration Cabinets.

Pallbearers will be Mitch Bailey, Rusty Bell, Earl Gardner, Joe Ray Gatewood, Carl Mitchell, Fred Roberts, Raymond Webb and Bill Whittaker. Honorary

pallbearers will be Eric Talley, grandson, Coleman Scott, grandson, Lawrenceburg High School class of 1946, Bill Pennington, Glenn Hood and Dr. Carl Smith.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Thurman's honor to Hospice of the Bluegrass or the Chenault Christian Life Center, First Christian Church, Frankfort, KY

Visitation will be held Wednesday, from 3-8 p.m. at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home by Dr. John Chenault, Dr. Tim Murtaugh and Pastor Mike Currans. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Military honors will be observed at graveside by members of VFW Post 4075.

Condolences may be shared via the online guest book at [www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements are under the careful direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home LLC.

# Tribute Wall



“ Roy Vernon Thurman

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Our hearts and thoughts go out to you and your family. We know Hospice was a godsend for you in your final days so we wanted to support this organization on your behalf. Continue to find beauty in life & know that is what your Daddy/Husband would want for his beloved family.

December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept the entire Grace family's condolences. My father, Walter Grace, was good friend with Roy Vernon. He so frequently spoke of their adventures at Panther Rock and other places that he holds a special place in my heart even though I never met him. One of my favorite stories as a child was of the two of them spelling their names backwards to create a "secret" message. My father died in 1976. He loved Roy Vernon and spoke of their childhood friendship the week he passed away.

**Jeannie Grace Sander** - March 02, 2008 at 01:49 PM



“ Dear Betty, Karen, Lisa and Mike:  
All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am blessed to have had all of you as neighbors. I always felt love was a staple of your household--because you of Betty and because of Roy. God bless all of you.  
Normandi

**Normandi Ellis** - January 31, 2008 at 09:44 AM

PA

“ Dear Betty,

*I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I'm sure my mom and dad are happy to see Roy again. Lou Anne Mitchell was thoughtful enough to send me the story from the Frankfort paper. She's such a wonderful friend -- when you see her, please thank her for me.*

*I just wanted you to know that you're in our thoughts and prayers. I never think of Betty Thurman without getting a smile on my face -- I remember you and mom working together and I always remember the laughter. I loved being there with you and my mom. You girls could be so silly. When I think of you, I think of two things -- I think of "sweet" because that's the best word I can use to describe you -- and I think of Roy. There are some things that just go together, you know -- bread & butter, Betty & Roy, Tyler & Aden, Carl & Louise ... thank goodness for the staples in our lives.*

*One last thought -- you may or may not recall -- but I'll never forget when I got my first car (a Honda Civic) you were worried as you pictured me driving down the highway on a Honda motorcycle. I still laugh every time I think of that story, which I told my daughter, Kylee, the other day -- and again, we laughed!*

*By the way, I love the picture of Roy in the plaid shirt -- he looks exactly as I remember him, except in my mind I picture him more in a suit (at church, I guess). It was nice to see his face again.*

*Please tell Mike, Lisa and Karen I'm thinking of them too.*

*With love,  
Patsi*

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**Patsi Leathers Mooney (Tyler & Aden\** - January 30, 2008 at 01:42 PM

BF

“ Betty and Lisa, I am sorry to hear about your loss. Roy was a gentleman, always nice to me, and I liked him. Our thoughts are with you all and I hope you are well.

*The Bonds  
Starkville, MS*

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**Bobby Bond and Family** - January 24, 2008 at 06:56 AM

LM

“ Betty,  
I'm very sorry that you lost your husband. Roy was such a sweet man. You two were my favorite customers at the bank. You and your family are in my prayers.

*Lisa*

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**Lisa Mitchell** - January 24, 2008 at 03:50 AM