



Charles Edward Thompson, Sr.

April 7, 1928 - April 5, 2026

Charles Edward Thompson Sr., 97, of St. Augustine Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 5, 2026, at Flagler Hospital under Hospice care. Born on April 7, 1928, in Hammond, Louisiana, Charles Thompson is the son of Lydia Trower Thompson and Willis Merle Thompson.

Charles graduated from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma and attended graduate school at LSU. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. In 1957 he worked at Outboard Marine International in Nassau, Bahamas where he met and later married Lorraine Woods. Through the years the couple worked and resided in several cities and eventually settled in Arlington, Virginia where Charles began a career with the Federal Government in Washington D.C. and eventually retired from the U. S. Veterans Administration where he served as the director of printing and publications.

When the couple retired in 1995, they relocated to St. Augustine Beach, Florida where Charles soon volunteered locally as an officer with the St. Augustine branch of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and at the World Golf Village Hall of Fame.

Charles Thompson Sr. is survived by his wife of 68 years Lorraine Woods Thompson, children Laura Lee Thompson, James A. Thompson (spouse

Debbie) and Diane Thompson Cortese (spouse John). He is predeceased by his son, Charles Edward Thompson Jr. His grandchildren include Amalia, Arlo and Matias Thompson and Charles and Emmitt Cortese.

A Celebration of Life, including Mass and an internment service, will take place at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, on Monday, June 22 at 9AM. Following the Mass, his ashes will be interred in the church's columbarium located outside the north entrance of the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 400 Health Park Blvd. St. Augustine, FL 32086 or to St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 5205 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080.

Cemetery Details

St Johns Crematory

385 State Road 207
Saint Augustine, FL 32084

Upcoming Events

Memorial Mass

JUN **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (est)

St Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A S
St. Augustine, FL 32080-8006
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