



Mr. Donald Newlin Thompson

December 28, 1923 - September 28, 2009

Donald Newlin Thompson, 85, of Asheville went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, September 28, 2009 at Memorial Mission Hospital. Born December 28, 1923 in Swepsonville, NC he was son of the late Charles P. and Maggie Newlin Thompson.

Don grew up in Swepsonville helping in the grocery store owned by his parents until moving away to attend Oak Ridge Military Institute and UNC-Chapel Hill. A natural athlete, he excelled in all sports but did especially well in baseball. While at Oak Ridge his baseball ability was noticed and he was recruited into the minor leagues, quickly rising to play in the majors with the Boston Braves and Brooklyn Dodgers. He was a member of the 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers World Series Team, often cited as the greatest team in baseball history. While in Asheville playing an exhibition game at McCormick Field, Don met the love of his life and future wife, Asheville native, Laura Kate Weaver. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2004 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in a celebration organized by their sons and daughter-in-law. During the years, Don received numerous awards for his baseball career. He was inducted into the Brooklyn Dodgers Hall of Fame on May 21, 1999 and the NC Baseball Museum in Wilson, NC.

Retiring from baseball in 1954, Don moved to Asheville where he started

several successful businesses. After more than 30 successful years in real estate, he retired as president of Preferred Properties of Asheville.

He was a faithful member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church since 1954 serving in numerous capacities through the years. A former Sunday school teacher and finance committee member he was a member of the Peace Sunday School Class.

He is survived by his wife, Katie; his sons, Tracy W. Thompson and his wife Sandy and John N. Thompson and his wife, Diane; a granddaughter, Emma all of Asheville and his brother, Rev. Neil H. Thompson of Cary, NC.

A celebration of life will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, October 3, 2009 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with Rev. In-Yong Lee officiating. A eulogy will be said by Rev. Clay Morgan. The family will receive friends, Friday, October 2, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the general fund of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 223 Hillside Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donald Newlin Thompson*



Morris Funeral Home - September 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

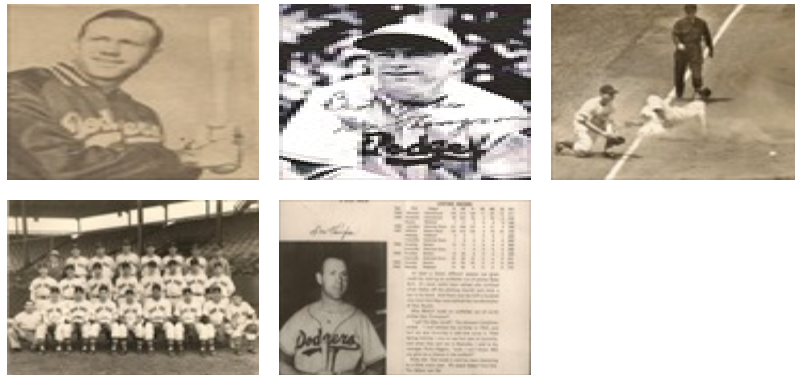


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