## **Ronald Mac Thompson**

## August 10, 1938 – May 8, 2002

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## RONALD M. THOMPSON SR.

Ronald Mac Thompson Sr., 63, in an twinkling of an eye, was escorted by his angel into the arms of his Lord on May 8th., 2002.

Ron was born on Aug. 10, 1938, on Herman Street in Hinton. He was the

son of the late Charles David and Daisy Nora Lilly Thompson.

He spent his childhood at Hinton, where he was a 1956 graduate of. Hinton High School and attended "Old Beckley College," Concord College and was a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Self Motivation School. He was a resident of Beckley, settling on Hartley Avenue, since 1972 coming from Charleston. He was in retail management for many years affiliated with the J. C. Penney Co. and Montgomery Ward. He retired from Hurst Medical Supplies. He was a member of the Memorial Baptist Church, where he was a member of the BYKOTA Sunday School Class. He was a member of Gideons International, the Beckley Camp. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, airman 2nd class. His public service included Beckley Little League, Beckley Babe Ruth, Midget League Football, a Cub Scout Leader, American Legion Post 32, Beckley, Moose Lodge, and the Jaycees.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Bobby Thompson who died in defense of his country in the Navy during World War II, Kenneth, Jack and the Rev. Tommy Thompson; two sisters, Jean Thompson Lilly and Betty Jo Ashley; and his father-in-law, Virgil Opie Keaton.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Kathryn Keaton Thompson, their 40th. wedding anniversary would have been May 12, Sunday, a daughter and son, Susan Arlene Thompson Harrah of Charleston and Ronald Mac Thompson Jr. of Beckley; his mother-in-law, Charlene Virginia Lilly Keaton of Beckley; a brother-in-law, Jack B. Ashley of Hinton; and two sisters, Emma Thompson of Green Sulphur Springs and Mary Ellen Davis of Aiken, S.C.

Service was 1 p. m. Saturday, May 11th. at Melton Mortuary Chapel, Beckley, with the Rev. Paul Blizard officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery at Forest Hill.

Pallbearers were members of the Beckley Gideon Camp.

Donations of sympathy can be made to Gideons International, Beckley Camp, c/o A.K. Walker, 517 Orchard Ave., Beckley, WV 25801, or the Memorial Baptist Church Youth Building Fund, 1405 S. Kanawha St., Beckley, WV 26801.

Arrangements by Melton Mortuary, Beckley.