



## Mr. Leonard Ira Thurman

February 6, 1932 - March 4, 2018

Leonard Ira “Turkey” Thurman, 86, died peacefully in his home on March 4, 2018, with his family by his bedside.

“Turkey” was born in Jacksonville, Florida on February 6, 1932, to the late Leonard Hoyt and Katherine Helen Ebnette Thurman; but later moved to Madison (Cherry Lake), where he finished high school. He worked a while before joining the US Army, being honorably discharge as a Sergeant after four years serving as a medic and paratrooper. Following his time in the Army, he moved to Clyattville, Georgia and worked at the Clyattville Paper Company.

He later enrolled at FSU, earning his Bachelor of Science in Education and taught for several years in Fort Pierce. He last career was back in Tallahassee at FSU where he was an instrument maker and designer in the Biomolecular Physics Department.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Kay Summers Thurman, daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Chris Puglisi; daughter-in-law, Patty Thurman; granddaughters, Lindsey K. McIntyre (Dawson Leggett) and Callie Thurman and grandson, Teal Thurman. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Christopher Thurman.

A service to honor and celebrate his life is 5:30 PM, Thursday, March 8, 2018,

at Abbey Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Covenant Care Hospice. They showed awesome care and knowledge and are such a wonderful group of professionals. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 8. 5:30 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home  
4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
[abbeyfh@comcast.net](mailto:abbeyfh@comcast.net)

# Tribute Wall

GD

“ So sorry to read about the death of beloved husband, Kay. Ginny Nolting Densmore - your friend from your early Sabal Palm days.

Ginny Densmore - April 03, 2018 at 09:51 AM

LS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Thurman's passing. He was very special friend to us and he will truly be missed. We have so many memories with him that we will always treasure. May God give you peace, you are all in our prayers. All our love, Ridgeway, Lisa, Brooke & Ridge

Lisa O. Stone - March 08, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Ira Thurman.



March 07, 2018 at 04:01 PM

LW

“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Leonard. Our condolences to you and the extended family. Lon and Lucy Wright

Lon Wright - March 07, 2018 at 07:23 AM

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“ I have fond memories of Leonard from the time when I lived with him and his most excellent parents at Cherry Lake in 1952-53. My family sends our condolences and prayers to his family and hope you find peace during your time of grief.

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**Larry Surles** - March 07, 2018 at 01:10 AM

DB

“ At this difficult time in your life, we pray that God will grant you the serenity and peace that you need to get through this. Stay strong and know that you are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

*Denese (Tookie) McIntyre Bass and family*

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**Denese Bass** - March 06, 2018 at 08:58 PM