



## Harold E. Thompson

February 10, 1959 - July 27, 2020

Harold was born on February 10th, 1959 in Chicago, Illinois to parents Alfred E. Thompson and Mildred L. Keyes.

He graduated high school from McCluer High School in Florissant, Missouri. He furthered his education having earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Detroit.

His career began at BASF in Louisville, Kentucky, which ultimately earned him a position as a Research Fellow at Scott's Miracle-Gro Company, where he worked for 35 years. During that time, he was assigned and accepted the role of being a mentor to a very large number of colleagues, who would follow in his footsteps.

Harold served as an Advisory Board Member of the 'Innovation Alliance for Sustainable Food, Energy, and Water Systems' at Ohio University's Center for Electrochemical Engineering Research and assisted them in securing a grant from the National Science Foundation. He continued with the program at Texas Tech University.

His life's work at being the best and brightest in original research afforded him with numerous secured patents with additional in progress, and 4 awards recognizing his excellence in engineering research. Recently, Harold's co-

workers decided to dedicate a process technology he developed by naming it O'Harold.

Harold's legacy lives in the career accomplishments of his loving wife Betsy, whom he supported throughout her career. His daughter Caroline, is accomplished in her own right, and continues his legacy of selfless dedication to helping others, as a medical professional. Truly she exhibits Harold's generosity and courage. He fought until the end to make a better world for us all. If it were possible for him to have a regret at his passing, it would be that he would now only learn of our accomplishments from afar.

Harold's hobbies included woodworking (built from scratch a 32 foot wooden schooner sailboat and restored a 1901 Dark Harbor-17 wooden sailboat), caring for bonsai trees and a Japanese rock garden with a Hashi Bridge, tennis, sailing, the Columbus Ski Club, and spending time with his family and pets.

Harold leaves behind Betsy, Caroline, his father Alfred, his siblings Evelyn and Maxine, his step-siblings Kevin, Kim, Keith and Kelly, and a host of family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold E. Thompson*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I met Harold through his collaboration with Ohio University's Center for Electrochemical Engineering Research. He was very generous with his time and expertise and was a key partner on work related to sustaining global food production. I count myself lucky to have known him and I thank his family for letting us "share" him, while he was alive.*

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**Damilola D.** - September 17, 2020 at 03:58 AM



“ *Over 30 years ago; Betsy couldn't wait to introduce me to her Ski-Club friend Harold. She knew we would become friends because we had a lot in common. I've always had a connection to Harold and he taught me a lot about myself. I've have great memories of my friendship with Harold from 30 years ago and I'll never forget Harold and Betsy. Both of you meant so much to me, when I lived in Columbus. My sincere condolences and my heart goes out to Harold's family. Dan Smith*

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**Dan Smith** - September 07, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ Truly saddened to hear of Harold's passing last month as I am a business acquaintance.

*Having met thousands of technologists in my decades of travels throughout the global chemical industry, Harold's of the finite group of select innovators I've had the pleasure to supply & support. Not surprising his talents went far beyond the lab bench!*

*I will miss him . . .*

*With deep regrets,*

*Jack Flynn*  
**BAKER HUGHES**

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**John Flynn** - August 31, 2020 at 04:34 PM

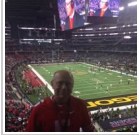
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“ *Harold was a great example of how the game of tennis is played and will be missed by many of us. He was a calm and respectful player and always a pleasure to play tennis with. He was a beloved human on earth and will be a great asset in heaven. His family is in my prayers.*

*Deanna*

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**Deanna** - August 03, 2020 at 08:09 AM



“ I'd like to offer my condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Harold at Scotts. He was a very bright man. He will be sorely missed. His pleasant demeanor was one of the reasons I enjoyed our working on projects together. My prayers are with you.

Steven Chamberlain

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Steven Chamberlain - August 01, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ Kwame Owusu-Adom purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Harold E. Thompson.



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Kwame Owusu-Adom - August 01, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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“ Orange Library Book Group purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Harold E. Thompson.



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Orange Library Book Group - August 01, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Harold E. Thompson.



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July 31, 2020 at 06:11 PM

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“ *Columbus Ski Club purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Harold E. Thompson.*



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**Columbus Ski Club** - July 31, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ *Harold has been a treasured member of our Columbus Ski Club tennis group for quite a while. We will miss his good humor, his respect for his fellow players, and his loyalty to our program. We are experiencing quite a hole in our hearts.*

*With most sincere condolences,*

*The Columbus Ski Club Tennis Group*

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**Marcia McLane** - July 31, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Harold E. Thompson.*



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July 31, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Harold E. Thompson.*



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July 31, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold E. Thompson.*



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July 31, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold E. Thompson.*



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July 30, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harold E. Thompson.*



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July 30, 2020 at 05:38 PM