



## Wayne Edwin Tharp

January 30, 1940 - November 9, 2021

Mr. Wayne Tharp, 81, of Hohenwald, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning at NHC Maury.

Wayne was born on January 30, 1940, to Clyde Tharp and Imogene (Poore) Tharp. Wayne grew up in Lewis County and has been a life-long resident. After graduating from Lewis County High School, he began working as a surveyor for the TN Dept of Transportation. In May of 1960, he married the love of his life and best friend, Madelyn Ammons. Soon after, he discovered his true passion-training Tennessee Walking Horses. In 1970, he quit his job as a surveyor for the state and opened Wayne Tharp Stables. He trained and bred Tennessee walking horses for over forty years until he wasn't able to any longer. Wayne was an excellent trainer and won multiple world grand championships at the Tennessee National Walking Horse Celebration. He was also extremely dedicated to his community. He was a county commissioner for twenty-four years. His greatest achievement was when he was given the name "Papa" by his grandchildren, Stone and Sailor. They were truly the light of his world. He never missed an activity that they were a part of. He attended countless ballgames over the years and was their biggest supporter until his last breath. Wayne loved to tell stories and be with people. He also had the best advice for his friends and family. His family has a list of famous "Wayne Sayings" but a the most well known ones would be "Just be yourself, if they don't like you for who you are, they're not gonna like you for who you're trying

to be" and the one he said he came up with when he got married "Least said...easiest mended." Above all, Wayne loved the Lord. He was dedicated member of the Hohenwald Church of Christ where he and Madelyn worshipped for many years.

Along with his wife, Madelyn Tharp, he is survived by his daughter, Jill (Steve) Selby, sister, Shirley (Joe) Shipp, brother, Mack Tharp, grandson, Stone Selby, and granddaughter, Sailor Selby, all of Hohenwald.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Dana Michelle Tharp.

Visitation with the family will be conducted on Wednesday, November 10, from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. Funeral services will follow at 3:00 PM in the McDonald Funeral Home Chapel. Glen Floyd and Greg Smith will officiate.

# Cemetery Details

## Downey Cemetery

780 Centerville Hwy  
Hohenwald, TN 38462

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County  
20 West 2nd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2207

## Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ES

“ To Shirley, one of my dearest friends, to Jill, who I share precious memories with from Norman Binkley School, and to Mack and Madelyn I send my love and condolences in the loss of your loved one, Wayne.

Elaine Seiber - November 13, 2021 at 01:17 PM

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Elaine Seiber - November 13, 2021 at 11:57 AM

SC

“ Sheila Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edwin Tharp



Sheila Chance - November 11, 2021 at 01:46 PM

BH

“ He was a wonderful man. Thankyou MS Selby you and your dad made my daughters dream come true to ride one of your walking horses. KC will always fondly remember your dad.

Barbie hensley - November 10, 2021 at 09:45 PM

RH

“ Wayne Tharp was a wonder husband, father, and grandfather. He was a great friend and horse trainer. RIP Wayne Tharp  
Ron and Susan Hunt

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**Ron Hunt** - November 10, 2021 at 07:26 PM

MR

“ Just want to say sorry to the family the world lost a good man he was like a father to me i was a little boy growing up in sycamore center he gave me a job work for him serval years always good to me even when i screwed up he kick me in the butt made me get in line last time i spoked with him he told me he was proud of me no one knows what that meant to me but he did thanks Wayne love you.

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**Mike Rogers** - November 10, 2021 at 01:04 PM

KW

“ I have known Wayne and his family all my life. Wonderful people with whom we have shared laughter and tears. My deepest condolences and prayers for you all.

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**Kaye Wise** - November 10, 2021 at 01:03 PM

MG

“ I will never be able to thank this man for all he has meant to me and my family . As a teenager still in school he gave me a job working with horses which only enriched my love for horses. And over the years he has always been a guiding light for me. The many hours that me and several me of the county have spent at his barn diving the worlds problems, well maybe just our problems , will give me memories for years to look back on. Thank you Wayne Tharp for being part of my life i am a better man for knowing you.

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**Michael Galloway** - November 10, 2021 at 08:01 AM

LT

“ Loved going to Wayne's barn and setting up every October fest for several years in the front yard. He always joked around with me and was so sweet and kind. He always had a smile and hug for me every time I visited. I loved being his nurse when I was assigned to him..❤️ Wayne, I will miss you but I am blessed to have known you.😞



Laura Tatum - November 10, 2021 at 12:17 AM

GC

“ Prayers for the family always liked Mr. Tharp .I remember when him and my father in law used to ride in the horse shows



Gary & Debbie Carroll - November 09, 2021 at 07:38 PM

TN

“ My friend, condolences, Tony & Joan



Tony Neill - November 09, 2021 at 03:58 PM

LT

“ Linda Tonguett lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edwin Tharp



Linda tonguett - November 09, 2021 at 03:35 PM

TN

“ *My friend Wayne Tharp, condolences, Tony & Joan*



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**Tony Neill** - November 09, 2021 at 02:59 PM

WB

“ *William & Martha Butler lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edwin Tharp*



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**William & Martha Butler** - November 09, 2021 at 02:40 PM

RL

“ *Randy Lynch lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edwin Tharp*



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**Randy Lynch** - November 09, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DJ

“ *Always enjoyed going over to Wayne's barn, he loved to talk and was always the same everytime, you will be missed Mr Wayne*

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**Darion Jackson** - November 09, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KS

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. So many memories have been made with this family. Staying in their home, going to horse shows, playing at the barn, and visiting with his parents in my younger days were wonderful times that I will always treasure. Wayne was always so nice to all everyone that met him. A great man has now passed and I am so thankful that I was blessed by having known him and having him in my life. He will be missed by so many. Many prayers and much love being sent to all of you....



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**Kim Smotherman** - November 09, 2021 at 10:31 AM