



**I've seen the smiling of fortune beguiling,
I've felt all her favors and found their decay;
Sweet was her blessing,
Fond her caressing,
But now they are fled-fled away.
I've seen the forest adorned, the foremost,
With flowers of the fairest, both pleasant and gay;
Sweet was their blooming,
Their scent the air perfuming,
But now they are withered, and a'withered away!**

**I've seen the morning with gold the bills adorning,
And clouds and tempests storming before the mid-day;
I've seen Tweeds silver streams,
Glittering in the sunny beams.
Grow drumlie and dark as they rolled on their way.
O fickle fortune, why this cruel sporting?
Why thus perplex us, poor sons of the a day?
Nae mair thy frowns fear me,
Nae mair thy smiles cheer me,
For the "flowers of the forest" are a'withered away!**

Flowers of the Forest



Muriel Joan Maxwell

November 6, 2023 - August 25, 2024

Muriel Maxwell passed away in Toronto on August 25, 2024 at the age of 92. Muriel was the beloved wife of the late Douglas Maxwell who passed away on November 6, 2023. She and Doug split their residence between sun-filled winters in Sarasota and glorious summers in Ontario.

They were highly active in the Sarasota area to include serving on the Board of Directors for the Caledonian Club of Florida West, leadership in the St. Andrew Society of Sarasota, and champions of Clan Maxwell at the Highland Games and Celtic Festival.



Muriel and Doug were members of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant and will be missed dearly. You may send condolences to: <https://www.neumanfamilyfuneralhome.com/memorials/muriel-maxwell/5478806/index.php>.

Her funeral is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, in her home town of Bancroft Ontario

Additional information can be obtained from Shari Maxwell Massardo at "shari_massardo@hotmail.com."

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George R. "Dick" Thompson

May 23, 1939 - August 24, 2024

Known by his nickname, Dick was the eldest of ten children of George and Lorna Thompson. He was born in St. Clair, Michigan on May 23, 1939. He graduated as Salutatorian from St. Clair High School in 1957, where he was drum major for two years. He received his associate's degree from Port Huron Junior College and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from The Defiance College in 1963.



Dick did his graduate studies in Business Administration at Kent State University. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a national honorary in Business Administration.

Dick married Sondra Lee Rhoad in 1964. After she graduated from Kent State University, she began teaching in Akron, Ohio, while Dick was on his first job with Diamond Crystal Salt Company, also in Akron. Sondra died in 2011 after a bike accident, ending their 46-year marriage.

Dick is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (nee Leach), a friend since childhood; daughters Kimberly Sladicki (Michael), Lisa Thompson; and granddaughters Kiana and Kyrá Sladicki. He is also survived by all nine of his brothers and sisters and lots of nieces and nephews, and two step-daughters and their families.

Dick spent his entire career in the salt industry, becoming a vice president of Diamond Crystal and later senior vice president and general manager of Akzo Nobel Salt.

Dick was an active churchman in three denominations over his lifetime. He served as moderator of the Eastern Michigan Association of The United Church of Christ, and was later on the Board of Ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church. He served a small congregation while in college and preached as pulpit supply in both denominations for over 50 years.

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He was instrumental in starting an ecumenical group of Muslims, Jews, and Christians in Binghamton, NY, a continuing educational program for clergy and laity, and served in retirement as director of development of the United Methodist Sky Lake Camp, turning it into a year-round conference center in New York State. Dick served as a deacon at Church of the Palms, Presbyterian Church (USA). He also served as president of two Rotary Clubs and was on the board of trustees of two colleges, the United Way of Lakawanna County, PA, and a school board in Michigan.

Dick was a woodworker all his life and received a Congressional Citation in 2010 for his work in preserving interest in the hand-carved American carousel. After moving to Florida in 2010, he tried his hand at painting, turning out over 50 canvases of which 25 are based on Biblical themes. He was the author of numerous chancel dramas.

A service to celebrate his life will take place on Saturday, September 7th, At 2:00pm, at the Church of the Palm, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Church of the Palms at the above address.

Local arrangements are by Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home.
To send condolences, visit karrersimpson.com

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