



Dr. Roderick O. Thompson

March 17, 1960 - August 15, 2021

Dr. Roderick O'Hara Thompson, 61, passed away in Raleigh, NC, on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

Roderick was born in Peach County, Georgia to Raphael and Melba Thompson on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1960. Because of that, he was given the middle name of "O'Hara." Roderick grew up in Durham, NC, where he attended Jordan High School. After graduation, he left to attend the Massachusetts Institute Of Technology. During his summers, he worked to develop the Space Shuttle at Rocketdyne Industries, and after his graduation from MIT, he moved to San Francisco to work for the Bechtel Corporation. After a few years, Roderick decided to attend the UNC School Of Medicine. After medical school, he returned to California for his medical residency and to begin his practice. For the next 30 years he worked at many hospitals around the country. He lived and worked in Florida, North Carolina, Minnesota, Virginia, and finally, North Carolina again. Some of his more well known patients were Aretha Franklin and Ja Rule's father.

Roderick was a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Roderick was preceded in death by his father, Raphael Thompson, Sr. and by an aunt, Barbara Ebron, who lived with him in his youth.

Roderick is survived by his husband, Jose Ortega, a daughter, Gina Thompson, his mother, Melba Thompson, a sister, Roslyn Thompson, a brother, Raphael Thompson, Jr. (Tim Walther), his aunts, Linda Fullwood, Deborah Tuck, Kathy Tuck, and Chanda Garfield (Dean), his foster nephew, Curtis Roberson, and a host of cherished cousins and treasured friends from around the world.

The family wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy that we have received and are continuing to receive.

For those wanting to send money, checks for "Gina Thompson" (Roderick's daughter), mail to the following address:

Gina Thompson
1714 Alfred Street
Durham, NC 27713

Thank You

A public viewing will be held on Friday, August 27, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, NC 27701.

A graveside service of celebration to honor the life of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 12:00 noon, at Beechwood Cemetery, 3300 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina, 27707, with viewing thirty minutes prior.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Dr. Roderick O. Thompson through Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86177431225?>

Webinar ID: 861 7743 1225

Passcode: 568061

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

Viewing

AUG 28. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Beechwood Cemetery
3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Graveside

AUG 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

Beechwood Cemetery
3300 Fayetteville St
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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc. - August 28, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ *Missing You lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson*



missing you - January 17 at 02:57 AM



“ *Dr. Roderick O. Thompson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Condolences from the Plum Street community/families. The Holliday Family*

Vivian Holliday Austin - September 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



August 27, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.



August 27, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Sandra Battle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson*



Sandra Battle - August 26, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.



August 25, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.



August 25, 2021 at 11:14 AM

JL

“ *Jacque, Richard, Greg, Larry purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



Jacque, Richard, Greg, Larry - August 25, 2021 at 10:55 AM

GT

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Gina Thompson - August 23, 2021 at 09:18 PM

JT

“ *I met Dr. Thompson a few years ago when he moved to Virginia and he came work as one of our Physicians at Charlotte Primary Care. I and well as many of my family members thought a lot of Dr. T. He will always be remembered! My thoughts and prayers go out to his husband, mother, daughter, siblings and the rest of his family! May God wrap his loving arms around you all. RIP Dr T. - Jacqueline Tatum & family*



Jacqueline Tatum - August 23, 2021 at 06:25 PM

EH

I was his babysitter.

Evelyn Jones Hightower - September 22, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



August 22, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



August 21, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Harris Lirtzman purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



Harris Lirtzman - August 21, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *I and my immediate family share in this period of grief with all of our relatives and friends of Roderick Thompson. We can also celebrate in the memories and the life of Roderick. He was always a staple of the Thompson-Ashely Family Reunion. A father, a son, a brother, a cousin, and a friend. Always soaring beneath the wings God.*

Angus B. Thompson II - August 21, 2021 at 01:46 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



August 20, 2021 at 06:35 AM



“ *Uncle Tim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



Uncle Tim - August 19, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *THOMPSON FAMILY YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. I MET RODERICK THROUGH HIS SISTER AS WE WAS ROOMMATES IN COLLEGE. I THOUGHT THE WORLD OF THE YOUNG MAN WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR.*

NORMA BRYANT - August 19, 2021 at 06:54 PM



My sincere condolences to the entire Thompson family.

Ursula Reddrick-Cockerham - August 20, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



August 19, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



August 19, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *I remember him fondly as "Reid." We were in home room together in junior high & high school in Durham and shared several classes as well. Reid had a ready smile, a wonderful sense of humor and a great laugh - I can still hear it! My deepest condolences to his family & friends... his passing leaves a big hole in the world.*

Leanne Upchurch Rizzo - August 19, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Roderick O. Thompson.*



August 19, 2021 at 04:03 AM

GM

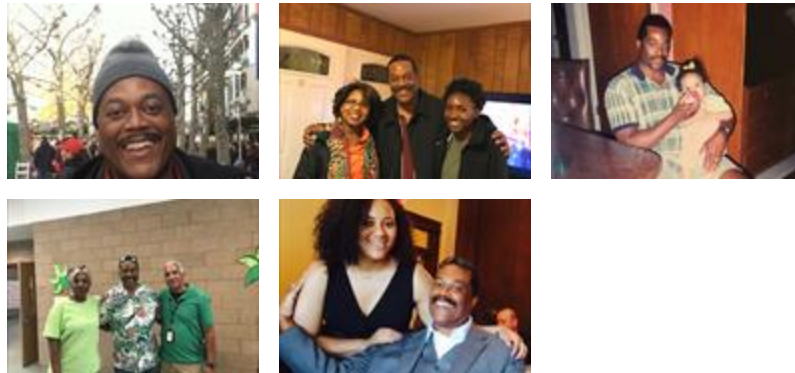
“ Rod was a good brother of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. We showed up the day he graduated from MIT. He went on to become a physician. We were proud of him then and now. RIP Rod 💎👉💎



Gerri C. Browning, MD - August 18, 2021 at 06:17 PM

GT

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Gina Thompson - August 18, 2021 at 04:04 PM

JP

RIP Dr you will be missed,praying for the family

James E Person - August 18, 2021 at 06:01 PM

RG

My condolences to the family.. We will miss Roderick especially at family reunions. You have left lots of good memories that will never be forgotten. RIP

Rebecca Genus - August 20, 2021 at 10:06 AM

RG

My condolences to the family. You will be missed but we have great memories to share. One more to join the family in heaven. RIP

Rebecca Genus - August 20, 2021 at 10:10 AM

RT

My brother leaves good memories to remember to keep the family strong through it all. He was very supportive with your need even though you may not ask for help. He loved family and also cousins, aunts, and uncles. He would drive home most weekends to help assist with our father when he wasn't doing very well. He had great enjoyment with my friends. He was a good hearted person. I pray that you may RIP.

Roslyn Thompson - September 01, 2021 at 12:38 AM