

**Philip Christie Thomas, Jr. 9/19/1933 – 8/18/2025**



Philip Christie Thomas, Jr., 91, of Richmond, VA, passed away August 18, 2025. Phil was born in Knoxville, TN, on September 19, 1933.

He was predeceased by his parents, Philip Christie Thomas Sr. and Dorothy Oakes Thomas.

Phil is survived by his loving wife, May Duffield Thomas; sister, Marian Thomas Guess; four sons, Christopher, Matthew, Benjamin and James; grandchildren, Christie, Jane, Isaac, Sarah, Brandon, Destiny, Devon, Jenexis; great-grandchildren, Eden and Reverie.

Phil's education included Baylor Military Academy in Chattanooga, TN, East Tennessee State College, University of Tennessee, Georgetown University, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, and Medical College of Virginia. Phil served in the military for 30 years.

He started his career in the US Marine Corps Reserves in June 1952, and in January 1960, he was commissioned into the US Army as a dentist. He retired as an Army Colonel in December 1981. He had several military awards as well as professional recognitions - National Board of Dental Examiners, Tennessee State Board, and Diplomat of the American Board of Prosthodontics.

He served domestically and in Europe and Korea, retiring out of Fort Campbell, KY. After his military career, he worked in a family business for over 10 years.

Phil was an active member of Stony Point Reformed Presbyterian Church for 40 years. He served others by feeding less fortunate people in the community through the church's food pantry and Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen ministries. Phil enjoyed building remote-controlled glider planes and flew them with the local silent flight soaring group in Richmond.

He and May enjoyed salt and freshwater fishing, golfing, camping, and many other outdoor activities. Phil's enthusiasm for golf even leads him to assist coaching golf at a local high school. A Memorial Service was held at Stony Point Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. September 20 in his honor.