



Thurston Metcalf

December 21, 1928 - June 21, 2025

BOERNE - Thurston Metcalf, of Boerne, Texas, passed away on June 21, 2025, due to complications from kidney failure. Funeral services are planned for July 7th, at 1:00PM in Bloomington, Indiana, where he'll be laid to rest with his deceased wife, Mabel. Visitation and funeral services in Bloomington will be hosted at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 followed by a brief graveside service at Clear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will also be held Monday July 7, 2025 from 11:00AM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Thurston was born on December 21, 1928, to Arthur and Katherine Metcalf in Estill County, Kentucky. Comments in his high school yearbook were complimentary of his sharp intellect and friendly nature - traits he maintained throughout his long life.

Following graduation, he worked as an electrical lineman, machinist, and served in the US Army during the Korean War. After his military service, he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and worked in manufacturing plants assembling rockets and automobiles. In a short time, he became an automotive engineer employed by a variety of auto suppliers until he retired nearly thirty years later. While in Detroit Thurston met Mabel Reeves and the two wed in 1957. They raised three boys and were supportive of their children's school events, recreational interests, and faithful in church activities. Thurston had a

mechanical curiosity that fueled a lifelong interest in exploring new technologies and working on devices of every kind. He also enjoyed bowling, golf, refinishing furniture, woodworking, and caring for pets. Most of all, he was a family man, and he enjoyed sharing time with his extensive family.

Thurston is survived by his sons Gregory Metcalf (Katy) of Boerne, TX, Barry Metcalf of Topeka, KS, and Randy Metcalf (Tracy) of Jasper, MO; his grandchildren, Lucas Metcalf, Jacob Metcalf, Hannah Wilburn (Ben), Autumn Metcalf, Mileah Metcalf and Gabriellah Metcalf; three great-grandchildren, Adaline Wilburn, Ivory Wilburn and Scarlett Wilburn; and his siblings, Betty Jo Shellhorn, Rita Sperrow, Kay Case and John Metcalf. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel; his parents; Wanda Hyde (sister); Eursel Metcalf (brother); and an infant daughter.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Town & Country Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Boerne, for their care in his final days, and to all loving friends and family who have shared comforting prayers and supportive wishes during this time.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of the staff of Allen Funeral Home of Bloomington, Indiana. To share words of comfort with the family, please visit allencares.com. A memorial service celebrating Thurston's life is also planned for July at the First Baptist Church in Boerne, Texas

Cemetery Details

Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Betty S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thurston Metcalf.

Betty S. - July 12, 2025 at 12:04 AM

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“ My favorite memory with my grandpa is probably how interested he became in makeup and hair dye and fake nails simply because I've always been very interested in those things, not every 90 year old man would take the time or interest but he always did. In the last few years especially he would be fascinated when I did my makeup at his house and asked me many questions and would tell me which colors to use or would help me shape my nails and he really loved to talk about whatever crazy hair color I'd show up with since I change it often, it was a special bond we shared and it touched my heart that he was so involved in my life in that way and really in every way. I will always treasure our time together and I'll miss going to his house every day and him making brutally honest comments about my makeup or hair color that always made me laugh and how he always noticed when I changed my appearance. He was the best grandpa a girl could ever ask for.

Autumn Metcalf - July 02, 2025 at 06:17 PM