



Chamber Reel



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Gerald Lloyd Thompson

January 4, 1943 – February 10, 2021



Executive Director (2011 – 2021)

Gerald Thompson has been no stranger to the residents and business of Exploits Valley. Outspoken and passionate about ensuring the success of the region, he touched lives in every corner – whether through his work at the Memorial United Church, Lodge Northcliffe, or as Executive Director of the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce. Sadly, Gerald passed on February 10, 2021 at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL at the age of 78.

Gerald was an advocate for Shop Local and continued to lead the project for the Chamber of Commerce from the hospital – calling the office and members of the Executive to keep the project on track. He was very proud of where the Chamber had been going in the last year, with stronger advocacy through partnering with the Atlantic Chamber, a focused Shop Local Campaign, and a rejuvenated focus on what matters to members. His presence will be keenly missed at the Chamber and throughout the region.

Per his obituary, he is predeceased by parents, Lloyd Thompson, and Lillian (Gill) Thompson, and grandson, Kristian Loveless. Leaving to mourn with fond and loving memories are his wife, Ruth (Pelley) Thompson; sons, Wayde Thompson (Marlene) of Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, Peter Thompson, (Dana) of Mount Pearl, NL and Jim Thompson (Noelle) of CBS, NL; and daughter, Kellie Loveless (Todd) of Paradise, NL. Also leaving to mourn are his brothers, Allan (Muriel) Thompson, Harold (Phyllis) Thompson, Wayne (Trula) Thompson, and Desmond (Shirley) Thompson; sister, Barbara Budgell (Arch Rowsell); sisters-in-law, Carol Hancock (Ford) and Judy Mercer (Bill); grandchildren, Nicole Janes, Natasha Bartlett, Megan Thompson, Adam Thompson, Summer-Dawn Parsons, Savannah King, Noah Thompson, Lilly Thompson, Jonathon Loveless, Nathan Loveless, Erica Loveless, Kameron Loveless, and Racheal Loveless; and 7 great-grandchildren. Rev. Kim Waite will conduct the funeral service at a later date when COVID-19 restrictions permit. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Jim Maidment of Central Funeral Homes. A special thank you to the nurses, staff and doctors of the ICU unit of Central Health.



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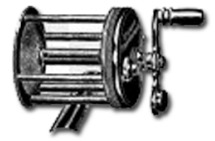
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HOROSCOPE

PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20) ♓ This is definitely not the time to apply or test out new methods, approaches, or strategies. Be a little circumspect with incoming information too; err on the side of caution.

Lucky numbers: 2,5,14,23,38,49

FACTS

February is the only month where it is possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

On average, you come into contact with 300 surfaces every 30 minutes, exposing you to over 850,000 germs.

The Valentine's Day tradition of giving a box of candy originated in the 19th century by *Richard Cadbury*, a scion of the British chocolate manufacturing family.

QUOTES

"Tomorrow: the day everything will be accomplished." - unknown

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"Whatever you are, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln

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"February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer." – Shirley Jackson

LAUGH

Postcard to Weather Bureau: "To whom it may concern: I thought you would be interested in knowing that I have just shoveled 3 feet of 'partly cloudy' from my front steps."

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