



Art Thompson

December 19, 1928 - July 12, 2022

On July 12, 2022 Art died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He was 93 years old. Art is survived by his wife of 51 years, Janet, his children John Thompson, Susie Hemmick, Jennifer Sen, and Deborah Gordon, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Thompson.

Art was born December 19, 1928 in Cumberland Gap, KY and moved to Roswell, NM as a child. He graduated Roswell High School in 1947 and began working for Piggly Wiggly grocery stores, where he worked his way up in the company to Divisional Manager, and then to Vice-President. His work with Piggly Wiggly brought him to San Antonio in 1959, where he lived the rest of his life.

In 1968 he founded his own successful grocery chain, Food City, which eventually had 28 stores in 9 Texas cities. He sold the chain in 1985 and shortly after began a consulting firm for local restaurants. Art retired from his business life in 2018. Throughout his career, Art attributed much of his success to hard work and the excellent people who worked with him, many of whom became close friends.

Those who knew Art will remember him not only as a hard worker, but someone who played as hard as he worked. He loved his family and friends dearly, and delighted in throwing backyard parties for a crowd, traveling the world with his family, and making sure to attend as many of his grandchildren's activities as he possibly could. He will be deeply missed by all

who knew and loved him.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Over 55 years ago, my family visited Art and his family in South Texas. Such a beautiful family! My sister (Paulette Farar Weddle), myself (Suzanne Farar Baisch), my mom (Lloydine Farar), and my father(Paul) visited Lake Seguin where Art had a lake house. John Thompson taught me how to barefoot ski and both of our families watched water ski shows. One of the most memorable times of my life. Then I crossed paths with Art when I entered the food industry and called on food distributors around San Antonio. My condolences to Janet and family members 🙏

Suzanne Farar Baisch - July 04, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ RIP Art, I was thinking of you yesterday, you were a great person with a contagious smile and wonderful disposition of life.

Scott Hodge - January 27, 2025 at 07:46 AM

CG

“ My husband and I both worked at Art Thompson’s Food City in San Antonio in 1968-1971. He was such a nice man. Something made me think of him today, and I’m so happy that he had a long and fruitful life. Ray and Carolyn Ginn

Carolyn Ginn - March 01, 2024 at 10:14 PM

DH

“ 3 files added to the album Hemmick Family



Donna (Susie) Thompson Hemmick - September 02, 2022 at 09:23 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Hemmick Family



Susie Hemmick - August 05, 2022 at 03:02 PM

JT

“ 8 files added to the album Thompson Family



Joan Thompson - August 05, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JT

“ 5 files added to the album *Thompson Family*



Joan Thompson - August 04, 2022 at 08:48 PM

CH

“ *I met Art in 1959 and we worked together until 1985, keeping in touch through the years and changes in life that followed... We are going to miss you Art, your friendship is valued very deeply! Our most heartfelt condolences to Janet and family!*

Charles Huriega and Family

Charles Huriega - August 03, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CG

So sorry to learn of Art's passing, my late husband, Jim Hickman worked with him in the Piggly Wiggly and Food City days, I would also see him regularly at Dr. Lowry's office where I worked . He was a very kind man , always a gentleman with movie star looks. My condolences to the family . Remember the good memories and may they bring you comfort. Sincerely Cindy Goodwin

Cindy Hickman Goodwin - August 14, 2022 at 03:42 PM

JB

“ Art and Janet were favorites of mine as well as my mom & dad - Evelyn & Tom Berg. The Thompsons loved to vacation in P Vallarta at our Casa Do Re Mi. I'll miss Art and our talk about selling me his rare Friedrich pool table. RIP my friend.

jim Berg - August 01, 2022 at 12:13 PM

DM

“ Art was one of my favorite people. We shared many laughs over the years and I valued his friendship very much.
He will be missed.
Much love to Janet

Doug McCoy - July 31, 2022 at 08:18 AM