



## Rev. Harmon Thrasher

April 4, 1932 - March 16, 2015

Rev. Harmon Thrasher, 82, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Monday, March 16, 2015 at Kindred Transitional Care in Greenfield.

He was born April 4, 1932 in New Castle, a son of the late Virgil and Artie (Smith) Thrasher.

Rev. Thrasher was a 1951 graduate of New Castle High School. He attended the Frankfort Pilgrim Holiness College and earned his Bachelor of Theology Degree from International Bible Institute and Seminary in Plymouth, Florida. Harmon served in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carriers, USS Boxer and USS Wasp. On February 15, 1957, he married the love of his life, Lilly Hill and together they enjoyed 58 years of marriage. In 1960, Rev. Thrasher entered the ministry and pastored churches primarily in the Church of the Nazarene in Indiana and Florida. Some of those churches included the Dublin Gospel Mission, Lawrence, Lakeland Florida, Redkey, Cambridge City and Shirley Churches of the Nazarene. He enjoyed basketball and the Andy Griffith Show. Rev. Thrasher was a loving and compassionate pastor, husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Lilly Thrasher of Greenfield; a son, Jonathan (wife: Kathy) Thrasher of New Palestine; a daughter, Rebecca Thrasher of

Anderson; grandchildren, Sam, Ben and Libby Thrasher; a sister, Nettie Michelson of New Castle; two brothers, Earl (wife: Carolyn) Thrasher of Muncie and Jim Thrasher of New Castle; a sister-in-law, Donna Thrasher of Indianapolis and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Vonda Thrasher; a grandson, Daniel Jonathan Thrasher; two sisters, Vina Robinson and Anna Lines and a brother, Don Thrasher.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Dr. David L. Perry officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Harmon Thrasher.

# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HB

“ On behalf of the Class of 1950 I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Harmon. Personally, I knew him fairly well In high school but lost touch with him these last few years. He certainly touched the lives of a lot of people and he certainly will be missed. Remember the good times and realize that he is in a better place now. Herb Bunch, Class of 1950

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**Herb Bunch** - March 23, 2015 at 07:14 AM

MM

“ Lilly and family  
I am sorry for your loss.  
I remember Harmon and Lilly when I was a young man back in the sixties when they lived a short while in Wabash, Indiana. My father, Guy Mowery was pastoring the Wabash Pilgrim Holiness Church and they attended the church. My father thought the world of Harmon and his ability to minister to people. As a young boy I remember his great humor and funny stories. I know you all have great memories of his love of Christ and to all who knew him.  
My love and prayers are with you today.  
Mark and Becky Mowery  
Frankfort, Indiana

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**Mark Mowery** - March 21, 2015 at 04:53 AM



“ 103 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - March 20, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Harmon Thrasher.*



March 20, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ *Harmon was the oldest son and Don was the youngest, but they always had a great time together and a strong bond. We enjoyed many visits with Harmon and Lily and the kids loved playing together and were good friends. I have very happy memories..... Harmon touched the lives of my family in many loving, positive ways. I will always be thankful for knowing him and will miss him. He will be joyfully received in Heaven.*

*In loving Memory, Donna*

**Donna (Stomm) Thrasher** - March 20, 2015 at 07:19 AM

RF

“ *Randy, Cynde and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rev. Harmon Thrasher.*



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**Randy, Cynde and family** - March 20, 2015 at 06:31 AM

DS

“ There are so many memories, so I will only share a few, but my favorite is Thanksgiving dinners at Mom and Dads. We always had WAY too much food! After dinner we would sit and play the Andy Griffith game, of course Uncle Harmon and Dad teamed up and won. Then we would sing songs. My favorite for Uncle Harmon and Dad to sing was Little Brown Church in Vale. It was always my first request. I had been thinking of those days a lot lately and went on line and found the song sung by Andy Griffith. It was so beautiful it gave me chills.

*Here are the links*

*Song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ub3z7ek2Xjl>*

*Clip from the show - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcZcDHRGyOs>*

*After dinner Uncle Harmon would retire to the front room to the recliner, there he would nap for a while. He was a pretty sound sleeper. People would walk by and mess with him, but he never moved a muscle. When he woke up he would say, " I could use a piece of pie about now. " Knowing Aunt Lilly would NOT approve, Donny, David and Alex would block Aunt Lilly's view and I would sneak him a small piece. I'm pretty sure we never got caught.*

*It was always fun to watch the Thrasher brothers, even Grandpa pick and pinch at each other on the back of the leg. Uncle Harmon was always the funniest, because he had the hardest to fall. But, for such a big man he had the kindest heart of anyone I know.*

*It was always an adventure to go and visit where Uncle Harmon was preaching. He was so proud! He would walk us all over the place giving us the grand tour. I'm pretty sure I visited every church, even the ones in Florida.*

*Uncle Harmon, You will forever be in my heart! You were truly an*

*outstanding Uncle and always set a great example on how to be a proud, honest and hard working person just by being you. I am very blessed to have been a part of your family. You will be sadly missed, but remembered fondly. Love, Debbi*

Debbi Smith - March 19, 2015 at 06:20 PM

RH

“ My memories of Uncle Harmon & Aunt Lilly both are so happy and full of love. I knew without a doubt that they loved me and were always happy to have me over to spend the night and as a small child that meant a lot. He always made me laugh & giggle because he was always telling jokes and smiling. He used to ask me if I had eaten giggle soup for my lunch because seems I did that a lot when I was at their house. He was the kindest & the smartest man I knew. Uncle Harmon was always so positive no matter what was going on. He always looked at the brighter side of life. One Sunday morning in church we were sitting in the back, I dont remember what happened, but we both got to giggling so hard Aunt Lilly had to sit between us to get us to stop. He was just so full of love and joy. As I grew older I came to realize that the love and joy that he so genuinely shared was an inner light that came from God. He taught me about our faith & what being a Christian is. We had many discussions about the Bible & he helped me to understand it better. He was always so patient and was an Amazing Uncle and I am a better person because of him & Aunt Lily. He also performed my marriage ceremony on July 24, 1970 then 30 years later on July 8, 2000, he performed my daughters marriage, too. Thank you Uncle Harmon for all the happy and wonderful memories you have given me. I love you & I will miss you, but I know that you are in Heaven with God and walking amount the Angels.



Rita Ann Yaryan Hughett - March 19, 2015 at 04:17 PM

GW

“ Besides officiating at our wedding, ill never forget his enthusiasm for people and God! Rev Thrasher helped me understand what being a Christian and a Nazarene was all about. And mostly he showed us the love of God!

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**George Williams** - March 18, 2015 at 10:54 AM

RY

“ I hold many memories of Uncle Harmon and aunt Lilly. One as a small child: I went to live with them when I was five years old for a year while my mother (aunt Lilly's sister) got back on her feet. Uncle Harmon picked me up that day, my little suitcase packed, he put me in the front seat with him in his big car. I stared out the window and whimpered for my mother. I remember feeling his hand around my shoulder as he pulled me over beside him and he held me all the way home. He sung to me, told me jokes and comforted me. Years later he allowed me to return the favor by bringing his family from Florida and moving into "MY" home. They lived with me for a short time while he looked for a place to minister and live. They both are very dear and special people to me.

*I would also like to share a funny memory of Uncle Harmon, My family was living in Virginia, We lived at the bottom of the Appalachian Mountains. Our home was built into the bottom of a mountain. We had just moved there a few weeks earlier for an internship. when they arrived they were all tired and wanting to get settled in. Uncle Harmon said that he was going to go out and take a little nap in the grass and get some vit. D from the beautiful sun that was shining that day. He grabbed a blanket and started out the door. I stopped him and told him that the exterminator has just left the house a few days ago with a nest of baby copperhead snakes that he retrieved from my dryer vent. He had warned me to not let the kids play out side for a while. Uncle Harmon laughed as he went on out the door with his blanket. A bit later aunt Lilly went to the door to check on him and busted out laughing. I went to see what was going on. He had laid his blanket on the hood of his car and was sprawled out on sleeping . He was an amazing person all of his life.*

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**Robin Yaryan** - March 17, 2015 at 10:53 PM

HT

“ Harmon married his nephew David to me on January 3, 2004. I believe it was the last wedding ceremony he ever performed. Throughout all the discussions, preparations and ceremony he was warm, genuine and funny. I enjoyed him very much. Harmon will always have a special place in my heart as the person who joined me to his beautiful, thoughtful nephew in holy matrimony.



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**Holly Thrasher** - March 17, 2015 at 08:37 PM

ET

“ Harmon our older brother always had time to share with us. He took us swimming almost everyday in the summer. He played basketball with us at Parker School and then took us for a cherry coke at Rays Drive Inn. Every Friday when he worked at Chrysler he would give us an allowance to spend. Harmon was almost 10 years older than me but he treated me as a equal. Without question Harmon was a great person and brother.

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**Earl Thrasher** - March 17, 2015 at 04:25 PM

KB

“ My uncle Harmon was a loving man. In 1998, my then 7 year old daughter was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma (bone cancer). Uncle Harmon anointed my Uncle Jim in place of Amanda at his church. They all laid hands on and prayed for her. The next day, she went into Cleveland Clunic for surgery. The doctor ran 2 tests and came back speechless. Her cancer was gone!! I know for a fact, God was listening in that prayer meeting. She was cured!! Praise God and thank you from the bottom of my heart sweet Uncle Harmon. You will always be loved. Say hello to grandma and grandpa for me. I will see you again someday. With love, Kelly Thrasher Bostetter

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**Kelly Bostetter** - March 17, 2015 at 04:07 PM