



## George H. Thomson

March 1, 2023

George Herbert Thomson, 87, died Wednesday, March 1 in Fort Collins, CO.

He was born in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late Dr. Joseph Oscar Thomson and Ruth Craft Thomson. At 6 weeks of age, he traveled with his family to Canton, China, returning to the US in 1940. He attended public schools in Oberlin, OH, Flint, MI, and Stillwater, OK, receiving a B. S. in Chemistry from Oklahoma State University in 1956. Continuing his education, he received a PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Chicago and served a postdoctoral fellowship at the U. S. Bureau of Standards (now the National Institute of Standards and Technology).

He taught for 8 years in the Chemistry Department of General Motors Institute (now Kettering Institute), Flint, MI, before becoming a Senior Engineering Analyst for Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, OK. After retiring from Phillips, he served for 8 years as Technical Director of one of the Design Institutes of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He then retired a second time, first to Santa Fe, NM and then to Fort Collins, CO. He was active in both the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Seely Thomson, daughter Barbara Thomson, daughter Hilary Thomson, brother-in law Edward Seely, sister-in law Helen

Seely Slaughter and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Priscilla Thomson Jackson, sister Marjorie Thomson Saffell, and brother Rev. Alan Craft Thomson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library at 180 Sheridan Boulevard, Denver, CO 80226 or online at [www.friendsofctbl.org/donations.htm](http://www.friendsofctbl.org/donations.htm)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew George personally even when I was not the official rep for Dow. he welcomed me with open arms and was the elder brother that I did not have when growing up. Whenever attending AIChE meetings I would often meet with him and go for walks around the conference venue in the evenings with him and talk technical. He was a great mentor.

George was also a strong proponent of applying science to solve technical problems in chemical and petroleum industry and a strong believer in good quality data. His papers on liquid density and compressibility are an excellent role model on technical content as well as technical writing practices.

My sympathy to the family and to all friends and mentorees.

Sumnesh Gupta, Houston, Texas

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**Sumnesh Gupta** - March 09, 2023 at 10:43 PM

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“ George was one of the nicest people I have met. He is missed but I am sure we will meet again in a better place. Loren Wilson

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**Loren C. Wilson** - March 08, 2023 at 09:48 PM