

Roy Thompson

Roy G. "The Tootsie Roll Man" Thompson, 85, of Iowa City, a former resident of Gilman, died Monday, Jan. 29, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the George L. Gay Funeral Home in Iowa City, with the Rev. Harlan Gillespie officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

He was the son of Thomas and Sadie Westerfield Thompson and was born Jan. 30, 1910, in Gilman, where he attended school. He was a graduate of Gilman High School and attended AIB business school in Des Moines.

He was married to Doris I. Meyers Sept. 11, 1953, in Rock Island, Ill. He worked as an assistant supply officer at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and, after his retirement, as an Iowa Masonic Hospital visitor where he became known as "The Tootsie Roll Man."

He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Iowa City and was active in Masonic circles.

Surviving are his wife; one brother, Tommy of Marshalltown; and a sister, Dorothy Mairs of Gilman. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

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