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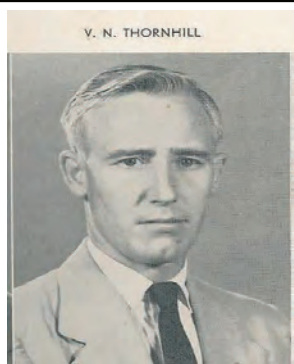
IN REMEMBRANCE OF VAN NOY THORNHILL 1923-2013



Van Noy Thornhill, long time Commissioner with the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District, passed away on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. He will be remembered as a kind man who cared deeply for his community and family. During his life he worked in his family's oil business and volunteered to serve his country in the Army while still a sophomore at Clemson. After the war, in 1948, he graduated from Clemson College with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Although there were numerous organizations that Van Noy Thornhill served on, his passion was clearly his beloved Midway Plantation and conservation of our natural resources. Mr. Thornhill followed in his father's footsteps when he came on board as a Commissioner of the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District in February of 1970. He served on our board as Vice Chair/Treasurer for 34 years until his retirement in 2004. During his time with the District, Mr. Thornhill was honored in the year 2000 by the

State Association of Conservation Districts as the "Outstanding Commissioner of the Year." After his retirement Mr. Thornhill was given a life-time Emeritus Commissioner status for his years of dedication and commitment to conservation. The Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District would like to honor his memory with this pictorial edition of his life.

We say goodbye to a man who loved his Family, Country, Midway Plantation, Charleston Conservation District, and last but not least, his God and Church family.





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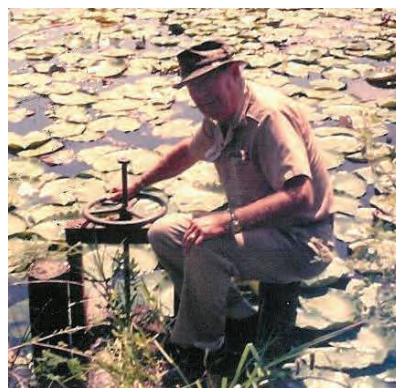
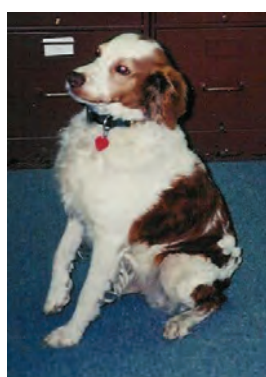




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A memorial has been set up in honor of Van Noy Thornhill with the Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District. If you wish to honor his memory (as requested in his obituary) you may send your contributions to the address below:

Van Noy Thornhill Memorial
c/o Charleston Soil & Water Conservation District
2070 Northbrook Blvd., Ste. A-8
N. Charleston, SC 29406

