



Nelson O. Thorn

October 19, 1935 - August 17, 2014

Nelson O. Thorn of Eagle a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother passed away August 17, 2014. Nelson was born October 19, 1935 in Leslie, Michigan to the late Elmer and Bertha (Schriner) Thorn. He retired from Motor Wheel Co. but also worked for Grand Ledge Clay Products and the Grand ledge Lumber Co. Nelson was a talented woodworker and also enjoyed to camp, golf and fish. He is survived by his wife of over sixty years, Sonja (Zander); children, Nelson Jr. (Monica), John (Julie), Kimberly (Linden) Cook, Nicholas (Debra) and Vincent (Pamela); 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth (Richard) Hudson and Georgia (Jerry) Cooper; brothers, Thomas (Connie) and John (Donna) Thorn. A private family graveside will be held. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Galleria Officecentre, Suite 111, Southfield, Michigan 48043 or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, New York 10018 Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Tribute Wall

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“Dad was larger than life when growing up. He was the perfect example of a father. He could scare the hell out of you and make you feel loved at the same time. As gruff as he could be, it was always clear how much he loved his family. He was always there for us no matter what the situation. One thing about Dad is he never, ever sugarcoated anything. He was who he was and he wanted us to always be ourselves. He would tell it like it is. He gave us many reasons to feel grateful and proud. The most grateful moment I will always remember is this. The last time we visited him, about a week before his passing, I leaned over, gave him a hug and kiss and told him that I loved him and I was proud to be his son. Smoke

Nick Thorn - August 24, 2014 at 01:58 PM

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“Sorry for your family's loss. Nelson had a great sense of humor. He would say things that caught you off guard and make your heart chuckle. Celebrate his life.

Pete and Lori

Pete & Lori - August 22, 2014 at 12:20 PM

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“ *My Dad: He taught me the values of life and hard work. He taught me how to drive a nail with a hammer, how to shoot a gun, how to kill and clean an animal, how to drive a car, how to catch a fish, and thousands of other things that lead me into life. I want to believe good morals are taught and bread into you and I truly believe he did that for me. He was a teacher, a coach, and someone to look up to. When he was born the mold was thrown away, there will never be another dad like him. I will miss him dearly but his advice will always be with me.....Nelson Jr.*

Nelson O. Thorn Jr. - August 21, 2014 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Nick and Debbie, I'm sad to hear of the passing of your father. Must of been a good man to raise such a good Son, Who married a great woman I'm sure he thought of as a Daughter. May your memories of him last forever and may you find peace in your hearts! Knowing he's catching bigger fish now than ever before. Brandt Terrell St, Johns Mi.*

Brandt Terrell - August 19, 2014 at 05:36 AM

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Nelson, so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you be at peace knowing that your father is no longer suffering.

Mark Locher - August 20, 2014 at 03:13 PM