



Thomas Leroy Thorn

October 15, 1939 - December 31, 2023

Thomas Leroy Thorn, age 84, of Eagle, Michigan, died Dec. 31, 2023.

Tom was born October 15, 1939, to Bertha and Elmer Thorn. He grew up with his 10 brothers and sisters in the country near Eagle and attended Grand Ledge schools, graduating in 1958.

Tom married Constance (Connie) Shanafelt, his high school sweetheart, on March 15, 1958, and they made their home near Eagle. He was employed by Grand Ledge Lumber Company and Howard Davidson Lumber in Portland from 1958 through 1964. He began working for Oldsmobile in 1964, where he trained and worked as a tool and die maker. Tom retired from Oldsmobile in 1993. He enjoyed an active retirement with Connie, golfing, gardening, oil painting, fishing, hunting, travelling, and spending summers at their cottage on Sugar Island in northern Michigan. Recently Tom lived at Gunnisonville Meadows Senior Assisted Living center, and the family is grateful for the care he received there.

Tom was a man of integrity who taught his children to take the high road whenever possible. He was a guy who could build or fix anything, and his children, other family members and friends benefitted from his talents over the years.

Tom was loved and will be missed by his children Thomas Thorn Jr. (Shirley) of Eagle, Brenda Hill of Williamston, and Carrie Thorn (Jane Bush) of Charlotte; grandchildren Ian Thorn (Nikki) of Saratoga, WY, Justin Fuller of Sinclair, WY, and Megan Harnett of D'Iberville, MS; as well as brother John Thorn (Donna) of Charlotte and sister Georgia Cooper (Jerry) of Eagle.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife Connie and daughter Phyllis Thorn, both in 2015.

A funeral service will be held at 10am Saturday, Jan. 6, at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, 406 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. There will be a luncheon after the funeral at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle. Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 5, 3-6pm at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

North Eagle Cemetery

12200 S. Grange Road
Eagle, MI 48822

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
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Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carrie, my condolences to you and your family. Losing a loved one is always difficult. Knowing you, I am sure he was surrounded by love. Take care.*

Mary Nelson - January 05, 2024 at 10:33 AM



Appreciate your kind thoughts, Mary. Thanks. -Carrie

Carrie Ann Thorn - January 08, 2024 at 07:44 PM



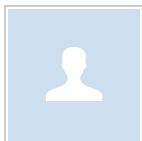
“ *Memories of Tom and all the Thorns from Eagle school. Please accept my thoughts and caring for your family.*
Diane Juenker Fish

Diane Juenker Fish - January 04, 2024 at 09:38 PM



Thanks so much, Diane. -Carrie (Tom and Connie's oldest daughter)

Carrie Ann Thorn - January 08, 2024 at 07:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Leroy Thorn.*



January 04, 2024 at 12:01 PM

PS

“ I worked with your mom for many years at Michigan National Bank and I loved and admired both of your parents. My husband and I loved our time with your folks. When we played Trivia Pursuit - there was no better match up than your dad and my husband Rick. Your mom and I were always amazed at the knowledge and how quick the 2 of them would come up with the answer - even if it was occasionally wrong!! not often though! I know he missed your mom and sister deeply and spoke of it and them when I would visit with him at Independence village.

Patti Schafer - January 03, 2024 at 10:18 PM

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Thanks so much for this fun memory, Patti! Both of my parents loved Trivial Pursuit and were good at it. Thanks for sharing. Carrie Thorn

Carrie Thorn - January 05, 2024 at 08:40 AM

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“ John,

Sorry to hear of your Brother's Passing.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ray and Jackie Easton

Ray Easton - January 03, 2024 at 04:16 PM