



# Donald E. Thorsen

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## **Donald E. Thorsen**

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**M**r. Donald Eugene Thorsen, age 91, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 11, 2021 in Muskegon. He was born on October 14, 1929 to Peter and Bertha (Jorgesen) Thorsen in Muskegon. A lifelong resident of the area, Don married the former Frances Strah on May 10, 1952 and she preceded him in death on April 13, 2007. Don proudly served his nation while in the United States Navy. He was a member of Olivet Evangelical Church and enjoyed trying his luck at scratch off lottery tickets. He had a generous and giving heart and was known for his great sense of humor. Most importantly, he loved the time spent with his family and will be remembered by his children, Patty (Kurt) Seifert, Peggy (Jim) Straley and Peter (Jackie) Thorsen; daughter-in-law, Sheila Thorsen; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his son, Paul Thorsen; parents; three brothers and four sisters. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family service will be held. Memorial contributions in Don's name may be directed to Harbor Hospice Foundation. Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, MI, 49441. Please feel free to share a memory with the family on their online guestbook at [www.sytsemaf.com](http://www.sytsemaf.com).



# Events

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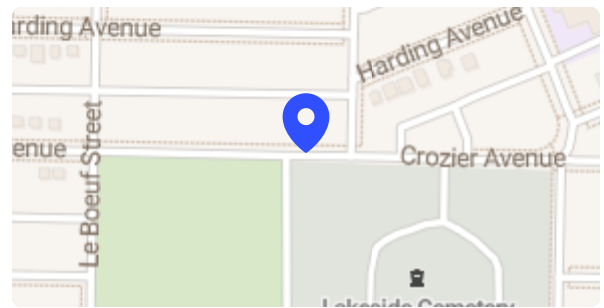
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## Cemetery Details



**Lakeside Cemetery**

2201 Crozier, Muskegon MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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BW

**Barbara Wiersema** posted:

Don was a kind and gracious man. He was the first to welcome me and my girls when we came to Olivet Church. The bus ministry, his desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and how his face lit up when he greeted us are things I will remember. Sympathy to all of you but you hit the jackpot to get him for a dad and grandpa. Barb Wiersema

January 19 at 9:32 AM

JD

**Janice Dutkiewicz** posted:

I can remember Don from when i was a kid. Don, Frannie and my parents all hung out together. he will be missed. R.I.P. Don Janice and Pat Dutkiewicz and Elaine Lindback

January 18 at 2:10 PM

LV

**Lorie Olson Vogas** posted:

My thoughts are with all the Thorsen family, especially Patty, Peggy and Peter during this time of loss. When living in "Pinchtown", Patty and I were in kindergarten together and that is when I met the rest of the Thorsen family, Peggy, Peter, Paul, Don and Fran. When I went to the Thorsen house, Mr. Thorsen would tease me and change my name around and call me "Leroy". I never will forget that. Had good times and have great memories of the Don and the whole family. Lorie Olson Vogas

January 17 at 11:25 AM

SM

**Sherry Mckeown** posted:

We were so surprised to meet up with you Peter, Patty, Peggy in the parking lot of Walburns. We are so very thankful for all of the years of knowing your dad and mom on Estes Street. Your dad was the first to welcome us by helping Mike get our furniture into our newly purchased house. That began a beautiful friendship with them and thus getting to know you all. Our children loved you all and Colin practically lived down there. We were always so grateful for all you poured into his life and your dad was such a spiritual mentor to all of us. You took such loving care of your dad after your mom passed. After we saw you and came home from our meetings with the staff there, I envisioned your dad waiting up for Colin and slipping his arm through Colin's as they walked into the presence of God, whom they both loved and who welcomed them home.

January 14 at 5:30 PM



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**M Williams** lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Dear Patty and family, although i havent seen you in many years, i know how hard it is to lose a parent.Thinking of you and hope you find peace in great memories.Mardi Monroe Williams

January 14 at 9:43 AM



**Gabby Seifert** lit a candle in honor of Donald.

January 14 at 9:30 AM



**Danielle Carlson** lit a candle in honor of Donald.

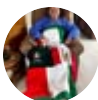
January 13 at 7:44 AM



**Jeff And Ramona Yell** lit a candle in honor of Donald.

May god be with you now and always.all the beautiful memories to cherish.thinking of the immediate family and the extended family that loved and cared for Don so very much.may you all find comfort in knowing he is now at peace and with the loved ones that have already departed this physical world.love to you all.God Bless

January 13 at 7:30 AM



**Joe Panici** posted:

My condolences to the Thorsen family. Don was such a very nice person. I so remember him being on the bus to church. (Joe Panici)

January 13 at 5:00 AM



**Joy Oslund Ott** posted:

Don lived on Estes St across from my parents. He often helped clear snow from my Dad's sidewalk and helped him with many different projects. Don was a pleasant man & easy to talk to.

January 12 at 4:48 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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