



Carl E. Thelen

November 13, 1929 - February 13, 2014

Carl Thelen, 84, of Lake, MI and Estero, FL, and formerly of Lansing, MI died Thursday, February 13, 2014 of complications from pulmonary fibrosis disease.

Carl was born in Lansing, MI on November 13, 1929 to Harry and Rose (Halfmann) Thelen. Carl graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1947.

He began employment at Oldsmobile Division of General Motors and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from General Motors Institute in Flint, MI (now Kettering University) in 1951. Carl married Mary Eckerle in 1952.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Thelen; four children, Thomas (Marianne), Pamela (Cindy) Dionise, Frank (Cynthia), and Ronald; five grandchildren, Elizabeth (Sahil), Daniel (Emily), Sarah, Hunter, and Gabrielle. He is also survived by his brother, Richard, of Lansing and his sister, Lorraine, of Barrington, RI.

Carl also graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School with a JD degree as a member of their first graduating class in 1976, and became a member of the State Bar of Michigan that same year. He retired from General Motors in 1987, and in 1988 moved to Littlefield Lake for their retirement home. Carl and Mary

began going to Estero, FL in 1988 for the winter months where he began playing senior softball as well as golf and other sporting activities. Carl continued playing softball in leagues and on traveling teams until 2012 when his lung condition prevented further participation. Carl enjoyed deer hunting at his hunting cabin every fall, along with his son, Thomas; his brother, Richard; and grandson, Daniel.

Carl was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, MI, Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Estero, FL, and the Knights of Columbus of Beal City, MI. He was also a longtime member of Commanders Club of Michigan.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl E. Thelen*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I worked with Carl at Olds/GM until he retired. I haven't seen him for several years so was good to see his ever present smile in the photo. He was a good friend to work with. Good memories. Coincidentally, I also have pulmonary fibrosis, but did not know he did. I am now in home hospice so sympathize with your experience.*
Gerald Heethuis

Gerald Heethuis - February 22, 2014 at 11:56 AM



“ *Bob & Donna Halfmann lit a candle in memory of Carl E. Thelen*



Bob & Donna Halfmann - February 20, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ *Aunt Mary & family our deepest sympathy & prayers go out to you in this time of need. Uncle Carl will be missed greatly. We all have lots of great memories that we will cherish forever. Looking forward to seeing you all in the spring when you return to Michigan. May you rest in peace Uncle Carl.*

Randy & Cathy Moore - February 20, 2014 at 09:31 AM

KN

“ I only knew Carl a short time, But valued his company at coffee! We will miss you greatly Carl !Our prayers go out to your family for God to comfort them for there loss. The coffee group from Weavers and Keith

Keith Nielsen - February 19, 2014 at 11:09 PM

KT

“ Great Uncle Carl and his family will be in our prayers and thoughts! It was sad to hear of the passing of such a loving and caring man. I will always cherish the Fourth of July parties at the lake house and am very thankful we were able to attend these past few years. May you rest in peace. Much love, Kelliann Thelen and Trevor Rheäume

Kelliann Thelen - February 19, 2014 at 04:25 PM

JS

“ JAMES S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Carl E. Thelen.



JAMES S. - February 19, 2014 at 11:07 AM

GT

“ Big Papa, Thank you for always supporting me. I dedicate this weekends youth symphony recital performance to you. Love, Gabrielle Hope

Gabrielle Hope Thelen - February 19, 2014 at 07:24 AM

CH

“ I remember meeting Carl prior to my sister Cynthia's wedding to Carl's son, Frank. Since that time, some 25 plus years, I enjoyed his and his wife's visits to Jackson, Michigan, where Carl and his wife, Mary, spent a lot of time with Cynthia, Frank, Hunter and Gabrielle. I remember Carl always had a smile on his face when he was around his family. I was happy that Carl was able to enjoy many moments with his family that are priceless, prior to his passing. R.I.P. Carl...
~Carmen Hernandez and family

carmen hernandez - February 18, 2014 at 07:36 PM

CT

“ Pops, You have been relieved of the day to day struggles you endured during the final months of your time here on earth. This does not shadow the many memories we had to celebrate life in all of its abundance. The Lord graciously shared you with us for many decades. In the short 25 years since we first met, I have been immensely proud to invite you to be a part of my family adventures. The love you had for your son, Frank, and me as a daughter-in-law endures ever brightly. The love you openly shared with your grandchildren Hunter Morgan and Gabrielle Hope are memories to be cherished forever. In prayers, remembrance and peace for your next journey, Cynthia

Cynthia Thelen - February 18, 2014 at 05:59 PM

HT

“ 1 file added to the album *Cherished*



Hunter Morgan Thelen - February 18, 2014 at 05:34 PM