



Robert M. Thrun

May 30, 1931 - December 2, 2021

On December 2, 2021, Robert M. “Bob” Thrun, 90, passed away at his winter home in Estero, Florida.

For 68 years, Bob was married to Marjorie (Ackerman), 89, who preceded him in death in August 2021. Together, they raised one son, Richard, and two daughters, Susan Kay Drake (who died in 2019), and Karen Heyden. Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Born on May 30, 1931 to Caroline and Fred Thrun, Bob graduated from Lansing Sexton High School, then earned a BA from Michigan State University and a JD with high distinction from Wayne State University.

In 1959, Bob began practicing law with his parents at Thrun Law Firm, focusing on municipal and school law. Bob and his father drafted the Michigan Community College Act of 1966. His expertise in school law, particularly in election and public finance law, provided school clients with wise counsel over the years. For half a century, Bob oversaw the growth of Thrun Law Firm, mentoring (in his unique way) each new attorney. Over 500 Michigan public school organizations are served by 27 Thrun Law Firm attorneys, with offices in East Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Novi. Thrun Law Firm celebrates its 75th year this year, a legacy to Bob and his parents.

Known for his quick wit, Bob lobbed zingers with the speed and precision he acquired as a skilled artillery officer. Bob had a larger-than-life personality and enjoyed life to its fullest. With the mantra, “work hard, play hard,” Bob enjoyed his cars, motorcycles, and boats. Marjorie attended both the French and the German Wine Academies and was a wine buyer for the Knapps Department store. Bob and Marjorie shared a passion for fine wine.

A visitation for Bob and Marge will be held at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel on Monday, December 13, 2021 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., with open comments at 6:30 p.m. Military funeral honors will be provided for Bob, who served as an officer in the USAR Infantry (1953-1965, active duty 1954-1956).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Capital Area Humane Society, Lansing, Michigan.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Local arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

Lansing, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Estes-Leadley Funeral Home
325 W. Washtenaw St.
Lansing, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert M. Thrun*

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