



Wayne O. Thein

December 18, 1940 - July 31, 2025

Wayne O. Thein of Park Ridge, Illinois passed away July 31, 2025 at the age of 84. Beloved husband of Sara Jane Thein née Precilio. Loving father of Christine T. (Paul) Girard, Julie (Greg) Nold, Thomas (Jennifer O'Malley) Thein, and Timothy (Courtney Maloney) Thein. Proud grandfather of Alexander, Kate, and Molly Girard, Sofia and Isabel Nold, Peter, Joe, Tricia, and Maggie Thein, and Abigail, Kellan, Patrick, and Christian Thein. Fond uncle of John, Lisa, and Nick (Joan) Precilio and Gabrielle (Jim) Thon. Devoted son of the late Oliver J. Thein and Phoebe Heroux.

Wayne grew up in White Bear Lake, Minnesota and attended Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota before earning his masters from the University of Chicago Business School. He served proudly in the Marine Corps. Wayne enjoyed playing golf, tennis, reading, laughing and spending time with his family and friends. He dearly loved his wife of 59 years, Sara Jane, and their close knit family.

Celebration of Life Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at The Terraces at Bonita Springs, 26455 S Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Interment Private. For those unable to attend in person, please click here for a livestream of the event. <https://facebook.com/events/s/celebration-of-life-for-wayne-/1072094138361949/>

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Terraces at Bonita Springs
26455 South Tamiami Trail
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Wayne O. Thein.* ”



August 20, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne O. Thein. ”

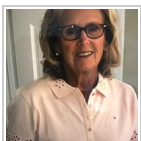
August 19, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne O. Thein.* ”



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“ *Wayne was one of the nicest guys anyone would cherish to know. How lucky Frank and I are to have known both Sara and Wayne for 20 yrs. He was a cornerstone of the gym encouraging me for years to keep coming. He will be sorely missed by all but particularly his life partner Sara. He truly fought the fight to be here for her.* ”

Mary Ward - August 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

ES

Wayne was a good friend who will be sorely missed. We were in book Club together for the last 18 years. Wayne was smart and Witty, and picked only good books to read, a talented guy.
Elliott & Judy

Elliott Sirota - August 19, 2025 at 06:29 PM

RP

“ *We pass on our heartfelt condolences to Sara and family. He always had a positive and happy outlook on life even as he fought a courageous medical battle while providing care and love for Sara. Wayne was a wonderful friend for 25 years recalling many golf and dining moments with he and Sara at Shadow Wood. I was privileged to share 20 years and over 130 books with Wayne and our small book club. We are reading his last recommendation The Wounded Tiger which he mentioned was one of the best books he had read. I agree, and look forward to discussing the book this Fall with the group in his memory.*

We are all a better person knowing Wayne - we will miss him
Ron & Diane Pierce

Ron & Diane Pierce - August 14, 2025 at 01:34 PM

PK

“ *Wayne was one of the nicest persons I knew. He welcomed Jim and me to Idle Pine Lane and we became immediate friends. His kindness will always be remembered. Jim and I are sorry for is loss and extend our sympathy to Sara and the family. Pam Kranz*

Pamela Kranz - August 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM