



A FALLEN LIMB

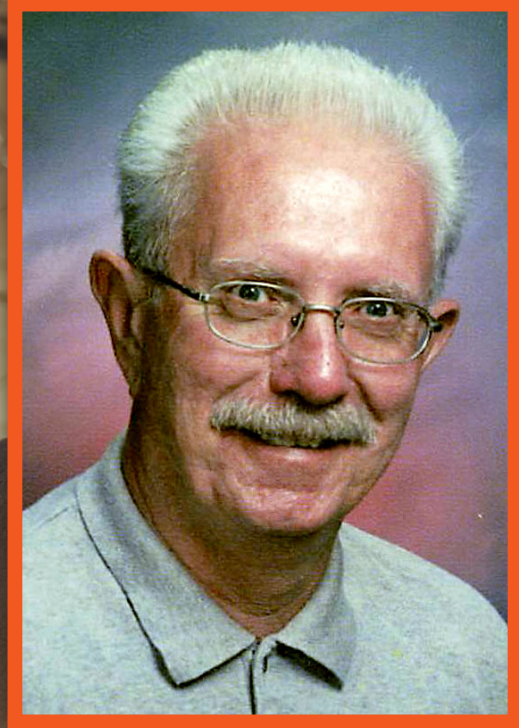
A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



GARY E. THORSON

September 27, 1940 – December 3, 2022

Gary E. Thorson, 82, of Garner, died Saturday, December 3, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Unit in Mason City.

Gary Eugene Thorson, the son of Oren “Buryl” and Helen (Varo) Thorson, entered this world on September 27, 1940, in Mason City. He was baptized and confirmed at Kanawha Lutheran Church. Gary was raised as an only child, graduating from Kanawha High School in 1958 with his one and only sweetheart, Carmin. After high school Gary enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood for six months and served until he was discharged in 1966. He and Carmin were married on November 30, 1963, at the Kanawha Methodist Church. They settled down in Garner where Gary spent 39 years working for the Rural Electric Co-operative (REC), later Prairie Energy, and raising three children. Gary was a father, husband, and a friend to most everyone he met. He enjoyed a good game of cards, camping, deer hunting, with a special love of bow hunting and archery. He participated in semi-professional archery tournaments for over 40 years, winning countless trophies that still decorate the basement of the family home. After retiring, he enjoyed his grandchildren’s school, church and sports events, working part-time in his friend Larry’s archery shop, volunteering at Faith Lutheran Church where he was a member, and traveling across the country by train with Carmin.

Gary is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carmin; son, Todd (Jill) Thorson of Lake Mills; daughter, Tara Thorson of Minneapolis, MN; son, Tim (Erica) Thorson of Huxley, IA; his beloved grandchildren, Makenzie (Dawson) Van Ryswyk and Dalton, Lane, and Kaia Thorson; and brother-in-law, Ken Lein.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters-in-law, Lou, Janis and Jane; and brothers-in-law, Tom and Fred.

Memorials preferred to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice.



FUNERAL SERVICE

Faith Lutheran Church – Miller, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2022

OFFICIATING

Rose Visser

MUSIC

Mary Kopacek, Organist
Congregational Hymns

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

“How Great Thou Art”

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Special Music

Pete Visser

“Amazing Grace”

USHERS

David Luscomb

Glen Juhl

HONORARY BEARERS (IN SPIRIT)

Brian Nedved & Darrell Goff

CASKET BEARERS

Ken Monson

Don Kammrad

Ted Hall

Robert Abele

Tim Slaichert

Randy Beaver

GRAVESIDE MILITARY RITES

Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit

BURIAL

Concord Township Cemetery – Garner, Iowa

All are invited to join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the funeral service.

