



Charles A. Thorsen

August 15, 1919 - August 17, 2018

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Charles A. Thorsen, formerly long term resident of Kenilworth, IL, died at his home in Lindenhurst. He was born in Kenilworth, IL to Cora Ames and Charles A. Thorsen. He was a graduate of Joseph Sears Grade School and New Trier High School. Among the first drafted in 1941, he was able to resign and subsequently enlist in the Army Air Corp. He served in the role of ground support with the 466 Bomb Group on a base located in Attlebridge, England.

After the war, Charles was employed as sales manager at the company his father-in-law founded, Auto Truck Steel Body Co. in Chicago for the remainder of his career.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, LaVerne Dondlinger Thorsen. Charles' brothers and sisters also all preceded him in death, Elizabeth Thorsen Muehlberg Andersen, Delbert A. Thorsen, Carlton A. Thorsen, and Marjorie Thorsen Delander.

Though Charles was 99, he remained clear minded and "himself" until his final days. He was able to share nearly seventeen years in the company of his much loved companion, Marjorie Miller. Marjorie is a valued mentor and honorary mother and grandmother to Charles' and LaVerne's family and Charles was cherished as an elder relative by Marge's family. Charles will be lovingly remembered and missed by his seven children, Kristine (Laurence) Barnhill, Charles A. (Kristine) Thorsen, John W. (Kathleen) Thorsen, Martha (Robert) Alworth, Nancy (David) Brakeman, Robert (Jule) Thorsen and Karen (Frederick) Gullen. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren who have enjoyed having a grandfather and great-grandfather with such longevity.

Visitation will be 5 – 7 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2018 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. Mass will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at Prince of Peace Church, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. Family and friends are asked to meet directly at church. Burial at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 N River Rd
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Mass

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Burial

AUG **21** (CT)

All Saints Cemetery
700 N River Rd
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Tribute Wall



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“ Charles A. Thorsen

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



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Ringa Funeral Home and Cremation Service - August 20, 2018 at 10:34 AM



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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles A. Thorsen.



August 18, 2018 at 05:05 PM