



Russell E. Thorne

June 5, 1927 - December 8, 2013

Russell E. Thorne, age 86, of Grand Junction, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2013, at his home. He was born June 5, 1927, in Columbia Township, the son of Gardner and Eva (Peper) Thorne, and has lived the majority of his life in the Grand Junction area. He was a lifetime member of the Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star. He enjoyed making maple syrup and had donkeys and draft horses. He loved his family and traveling. Surviving are his wife, Barbara, whom he married Sept. 18, 1948; 5 children, Cheryl (Bill Potter) Ladd of Eau Claire, Frances (Kenneth) Zecklin of Ganges, Edwin (Nanci) Thorne of St. Charles, MO, Grace (Rodney) Smith of Gobles, Ruth (Rick) Cripps of Grand Junction; 14 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; a brother, Maurice (Phyllis) Thorne of North Carolina; a sister, Mary Ella (Paul) Williams of Kalamazoo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles, as well as his parents. The family will meet friends 12-1 PM Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, where the funeral will be 1:00 PM with Pastor David Youngs officiating. Interment will follow in Grand Junction Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Grand Junction Cemetery

53053 CR 388
Grand Junction, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomington, MI

Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ As a New Year begins and the old one passes away, you will always be with us. Your guidance and love has been felt in the last couple weeks. Thanks for the gifts of strength that you taught us. We will take care of mom and the family. I know someday I too will get to walk the streets of Gold. Love Fran



Frances Zecklin - December 31, 2013 at 11:34 PM

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Wendy EBENSTEIN Norman - December 10, 2013 at 12:21 PM

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Wendy EBENSTEIN Norman - December 10, 2013 at 12:20 PM

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“ Aunt Barb , Love ya and sorry I will not be there to give you hugs. But I would like you to know you and Uncle Russ will always be in my heart. You all will be in my heart and prayers.

Love you always
Wendy EBENSTEIN Norman

Wendy EBENSTEIN Norman - December 10, 2013 at 12:15 PM

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“ Barb & Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss, Russell was a very thoughtful, giving person. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Elaine Hutchinson & Family

Mccooy Family - December 10, 2013 at 09:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell E. Thorne.



December 10, 2013 at 08:57 AM

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“ He was my grandpa and I loved him very much and I know he loved me I seem him as a hard worker and a provider for his family I only have fond memory's of his farm and horses my school trip was at my grandparents farm all the kids loved it no one can take away my memory's and my love for my grandpa.

Faith Smith - December 09, 2013 at 02:05 PM

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“ *To Grace & Ruth, so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.* ”

Kim Otten - December 09, 2013 at 06:51 AM

DB

“ *Dana Bryant lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Thorne* ”



Dana Bryant - December 09, 2013 at 06:50 AM