



Louis H. Thiesen Sr.

March 5, 1930 - January 8, 2020

KOONTZ LAKE-Louis Herbert Thiesen Sr., 89, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at his home.

Louis was born March 5, 1930 in Clinton, Iowa to Joseph and Frances (Sawyer) Thiesen and lived in the area for 32 years, coming from Chicago Ridge, IL. On June 27, 1953 in Chicago, IL he was married to the former Serafina Abenante.

Survivors include his wife, Serafina; two daughters, Bonnie Riggs and Barbara (Harold) Barnes; two sons, Louis (Debbie) Thiesen Jr. and Robert Thiesen; seven grandchildren, Donald and Dustin Riggs, Robert Jr. and Thomas Thiesen, Steven Dodson, and Kyle and Jenna Thiesen; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wallace Thiesen; son-in-law, Louis Renfroe; and grandson, Joseph Thiesen.

Lou was retired from the National Bakery in Chicago and was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Bakers Union #734 of Chicago, IL, Koontz Lake Lions Club and ABATE, Region 2, Starke County. He was very proud of the awards he received from both the Lions Club and ABATE. Lou enjoyed riding his Goldwing and tinkering in the garage and his tool room.

Funeral services will be Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. CST at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Visitation will be Sunday at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST. A gathering of family & friends

will take place after the service at the KLA Clubhouse. Cremation will take place after the service with a later burial at Lincoln National Cemetery, Joliet, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Koontz Lake Lions Club or Starke County ABATE.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
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Service

JAN 12. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Fields Deluxe Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Louis H. Thiesen Sr..*



January 11, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ *Love Lisa, Robert, Michael Ana and kids. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis H. Thiesen Sr..*



Love Lisa, Robert, Michael Ana and kids. - January 11, 2020
at 03:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Louis H. Thiesen Sr..*



January 10, 2020 at 05:22 PM

CM

“*Condolences for the whole Thiesen family. I know how close all of you were and I am so sorry for your loss. When I make Baklava in the future, I will have his memory with me and smile, knowing how much he enjoyed that pastry. As we Greeks say, "May his memory be eternal". Much love and peace during this difficult time is sent to you all.*

Cathie Mashburn - January 10, 2020 at 10:11 AM

DR

“*So proud to have been included in those who love you. We shared many good memories, lots of laughs and so many good times together. I'll never forget the day you walked up to me after your brother passed and sa said you didnt have any sibilings now and wouldni be your sister. You own a place in my heart forever my handsome brother and I will love and miss you everyday until I see you again.*

Dee Ramirez - January 09, 2020 at 08:37 PM

BA

“*Dad, My heart is broken. I will love and miss you forever!! I'm so grateful I got to spend so much time with you. I'm grateful for all the memories we made. I will keep them tucked in my heart forever. Dad, please watch over mom she loves you unconditionally and always did. Thank you for teaching me how to wax a caddy, how to ride a bike, how to dry wall, how to paint, how to wall paper, how to change a tire, and so many other things. Till we meet again dad, Rest in Paradise Dad and watch over us. ❤️😭*

Barbara - January 09, 2020 at 04:44 PM

DD

“*Lou was a great father and family man. He was once of the toughest guys I've known. Our thoughts and prayers for comfort we give as you grieve your loss. Our hearts are heavy for Bubs, Barbara, Bonnie, Benny and Bonnie. God Bless.*



David Dodson - January 09, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BB

Thank you David and Ruth. You are correct he was a tough one all the way to the end❤️

Barbara Barnes - January 09, 2020 at 04:48 PM

MS

Ben thank you for everything you've ever done for the family. Your determination, cleverness and humor will be missed. Thank you for loving my sister so much and being there when family and friends needed you. Next time we meet I'll try to remember to bring you the chocolate cashews you loved so much. Prayers and hugs to my sister SeraFina, you and all that are grieving your loss. Mike and Amy

Michael Schoiber - January 09, 2020 at 05:29 PM

BM

Lou was a great friend and he left no doubt who the Mayor of Anderson Drive was. I always enjoyed our many conversations in his garage over the years. He was very bright and would love to share his vast knowledge on many subjects. He could fix anything and was happy to teach the "how to" aspects of any project. You will be missed Lou, thanks for the memories. My sincere condolences to Serafina and Family. Bill McNamara

Bill McNamara - January 09, 2020 at 10:04 PM

JS

We are so sorry for your loss. I remember the visits in Chicago, Clinton with my parents and siblings. Playing with Bonnie and Barbara especially. Your dad had so many talents. Prayers and hugs to all the family.

Take care.

Julie Ann (Phillips) and Dale Smith

Julie Ann (Phillips) Smith - January 11, 2020 at 12:53 PM

BB

Uncle Benny you are part of some of my earliest childhood memories. I remember all the fun and laughs we had at your house in the summer at the lake. I wish I could be there to say goodbye. Aunt Bubs, Barbara, Benny, Bonnie and Bonnie I am praying for you during this very difficult time. With all my love, Bridget (Schoiber) Brown

Bridget Brown - January 11, 2020 at 09:43 PM