

Philip Theisen

February 7, 1929 - April 2, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for Philip L. Theisen, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Tuesday at St. Ann's Parish Center in Wadena from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with Prayers at 6:00. Visitation will resume at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Philip passed away on April 2, 2014, at the New York Mills Elders Home in New York Mills, MN. He was 85 years old.

Philip was born to William N. and Elizabeth V. (Anderson) Theisen on February 7, 1929, at the family farm in Compton Township, Otter Tail County, MN. After graduating from Wadena High School in 1947, he pursued a career as an electrician and in masonry construction until his retirement in 1991. He was united in marriage with LaVonne Olson on November 4, 1950, in Tyndall, SD. He filled his time away from work collecting coins, raising over 1000 pheasants in four years, meeting friends for coffee, playing Chinese cribbage, farming with his beloved Minneapolis Moline tractor, and tinkering with anything mechanical. He was a member of the 700 Bowling Club, a life-member of the International Union of Bricklayers, Elks Lodge #2386 and Ringnecks Forevermore. He will fondly be remembered for always "being there" for his family.

Philip was preceded in death by his parents William and Elizabeth; brothers

Ralph, Leo, Kenneth and William N. Theisen III; sisters Loraine Larson and Elizabeth Cullen; son-in-law Dr. George M.A. Fortier III.

He is survived by his wife LaVonne of Wadena; son Philip J. (Cheryl) Theisen of Denver, CO; daughters Joan M. (Gary) Westergren of Plymouth and Patricia K. Fortier of Little Falls; four grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; brothers Lloyd (Millie) of Sauk Rapids, Arnold of Wadena and Paul (Carol) of Little Canada; sisters Ruth Baron of Staples, Delores (Gene) Guthmueller of Shoreview and Veronica (Gerald) Mathison of Inver Grove Heights.

Pallbearers will be Michelle Westergren, Michael Westergren, Gary Westergren, Brett Fortier, Zach Fortier and Don Hoffmann.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

APR 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Mike Baron lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen*



Mike Baron - April 08, 2014 at 09:35 AM

MB

I remember Uncle Phil would stop in and have coffee with Mother and shoot the breeze, was always fun to talk to.

Mike Baron - April 08, 2014 at 09:38 AM

RL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Ron & Lois Larson



Ron Larson - April 07, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Philip Theisen.*



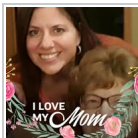
April 07, 2014 at 07:40 AM

BR

“ *Brenda (Lee) Reger lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen*



Brenda (Lee) Reger - April 06, 2014 at 04:48 PM



“ *Irene Baron lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen*



Irene Baron - April 06, 2014 at 04:02 PM

JH

“ *Dear Aunt LaVonne and cousins Joannie, Patti and Philip, I'm thinking of you during this sad time. I have fond memories of visiting all of you on the farm when I was young. Uncle Philip was such a kind-hearted man and will be missed.*
~ Julie (Theisen) Hinz

Julie Hinz - April 06, 2014 at 11:56 AM

VR

“ *What a great neighbor for many years in Compton township. I remember once I rode with him from the cities to Wadena when I was a teen. There are many memories of time I spent at his place when I 'watched' Phillip because Phil and LaVonne had a Saturday night date. I am so sorry for your loss LaVonne, Patti, Joanie and Phillip. God Bless your families. Lovingly, Vickie Trana Register.*

Vickie Trana Register - April 05, 2014 at 10:31 PM

NP

“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen*



Nancy Peterson - April 05, 2014 at 01:34 PM

GB

“ *Patti,
We're so sorry for the loss of your Dad. It was great to get to know him and your Mom over the past years. Stay strong.....*

Gary Bodie

Gary Bodie - April 05, 2014 at 09:05 AM

TF

“ *Tim Larson And Family lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen*



Tim Larson and Family - April 05, 2014 at 08:35 AM

TF

We will miss Uncle Philip , I am sure my Dad is waiting for you up in heaven with the cribbage board and cards.

Tim Larson and Family - April 05, 2014 at 08:40 AM

KS

“ Aunt Lavonne, Joanie, Patty and Philip
I am so sad that Uncle Phil has passed away. The memories go back so far and they are so good. All the fun times at Grandma and Grandpa Olson's. The summers we spent together, the anniversaries and just all of the good family get togethers. I remember when I was little and sitting on Uncle's Phil's lap and he would always say "I like Kathy". And Uncle Phil I loved you. Love you all Kathy and Wayne Swenson

kathy swenson - April 05, 2014 at 08:32 AM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen



Dave Schumacher - April 05, 2014 at 07:26 AM

DM

“ Diane Moen lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen



Diane Moen - April 04, 2014 at 09:26 PM



Diane Moen

One lifetime is not enough to reflect on the gentle kindness, warm embraces and spirit of giving to others with no thought or concern for himself .. this was my Uncle Phil. There was nothing he would not do for my grandparents, Bill and Helen Olson, and they loved him like a son. He was so special to my husband, Jerry, and we always looked forward to seeing him. He loved to tease me about my boyfriends when I was a teen-ager, and, of course, had advice about everything. I know that the warmth of the face of God met you in heaven and, perhaps, Jerry, Grams and Gramps and all your other family, too. I love you, Uncle Phil, and always will. I will see you on the other side. Lovingly .. Diane

Diane Moen - April 04, 2014 at 09:42 PM



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Christina Fortier - April 04, 2014 at 08:19 PM

ST

VERY nice tribute to a VERY special man!! He will be missed by so many.

Sue Theisen - April 05, 2014 at 07:57 AM

TB

“ Troy Baron lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen



Troy Baron - April 04, 2014 at 04:41 PM

JB

“ I so enjoyed my coffee time with uncle Phil after coffee we'd go for a drive. He'd tell me you take the wheel while I straighten out his oxygen thing, then it was "hey Jim did I show you this or did you know this?" As time went by I would go over and make him noodle soup, his favorite. Thanks for the memories I will truly miss you, even the scolding Gold bless. Jim and Lorie

jim and lorie baron - April 04, 2014 at 03:04 PM

T#

“ The Members Of The Wadena Elks Lodge #23 lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen



The Members of the Wadena Elks Lodge #23 - April 04, 2014 at 02:48 PM

FT

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you. Uncle Phil is remembered in my daily prayers and in Mass. In Christ, Fr. Euge

Fr. Eugene Theisen - April 04, 2014 at 01:48 PM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Theisen.



April 04, 2014 at 01:44 PM

FV

“ Frank and Vicki purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Philip Theisen.



Frank and Vicki - April 04, 2014 at 12:11 PM

VC

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.
Dave and Vicki (Theisen) Chesney



Vicki (Theisen) Chesney - April 04, 2014 at 09:20 AM

MF

“ Mike And Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen



Mike and Marie Fraune - April 04, 2014 at 08:11 AM

JR

“ Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen



Jack & Judy Richter - April 04, 2014 at 07:59 AM

ST

“ Sue Theisen sent a virtual gift in memory of Philip Theisen



Sue Theisen - April 04, 2014 at 06:53 AM

PM

“ Aunt Lavonne, cousins Patti, Joanie and Phillip, so sorry for your lost. Know that your dad is now at rest and peace. He went to join his other family members that have passed before him. Uncle Phillip was a very caring man and he was always there when my parents lived in Wadena. Looking out for my mom and dad and for that I'am grateful. He will always be in my thoughts and prayers along with his wife and children.



Love,

Pam MacDonald

Pam MacDonald - April 03, 2014 at 09:56 PM

BP

“ Bonnie & Ron Price lit a candle in memory of Philip Theisen



Bonnie & Ron Price - April 03, 2014 at 09:15 PM