



Phillip Thoennes

September 20, 1946 - September 14, 2025

The Mass of Christian Burial for Phil Thoennes of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Jean-Claude as celebrant.

Visitation will be held on Monday, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Wadena with Prayers at 6:00 and a Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Facebook Page or YouTube Page.

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Just shy of his 79th birthday, Phil passed away on September 14, 2025, unexpectedly of natural causes at Astera Heath in Wadena, MN.

Phillip James Thoennes was born to Peter and Rose (Daas) Thoennes on September 20, 1946, in Alexandria, MN. He grew up in Millerville, the oldest of 12 children. After completing high school he served in the US Army during the Vietnam War from January 1966 until his honorable discharge in December 1967 as a Specialist Fourth Class. He spent most of his working career with the Dairy Division of Land o Lakes in both Alexandria and Perham. He later worked at Homecrest, KSKK radio, and Team Industries in Park Rapids.

On December 12, 1987, Phil married Barbara (Phaneuf) Suchoski at St. Ann's

Catholic Church in Wadena, where they also made their home. In younger years, Phil liked to deer hunt and was especially reminiscent about trips “out west”. He enjoyed boating, dinner and outings with his family and going for a leisurely drive or long road trips. Phil was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus including Fourth Degree Knights, the Wadena VFW and the American Legion in Millerville. He was especially dedicated to his mission of bringing communion to the homebound.

Preceding Phil in death were his parents and siblings, Vera Thoennes, and Donald and his wife, Cindy Thoennes.

Phil is survived by his loving wife, Barb; Barb’s children, Carla (Jathan) Good of Fair Oaks, CA, Krista O’Brien of Plymouth, and Peter (Megan) Suchoski of Shoreview; seven grandchildren; siblings: Judy (John) Johnson, Ralph Thoennes both of Alexandria, Mary (Ken) Reuter of Sauk Centre, Michael Thoennes of Osakis, David (Laurie) Thoennes of Garfield, Darrel (Alice) Thoennes of Alexandria, Mark Thoennes of Millerville, Peter Thoennes, and Evelyn Thoennes both of Alexandria; along with a host of extended family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Peter Thoennes, Cavan O'Brien Dustin Thoennes, Jay Johnson, Rick Reuter, and Brad Thoennes.

Military honors will be provided by MNAGHG, Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars ~ Wadena, MN and American Legion Post 527 ~ Millerville, MN

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Prayers

SEP 22. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

SEP 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

SEP **23**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mass

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 21, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ *I remember this guy for many many years and lately in the last year I've seen him at Burger King chat with a group of people a bunch of men and me drinking coffee. Some people are eating but he fit right in. He will be really missed. I can't believe he passed away so soon*

Scott Kern - September 25, 2025 at 10:31 PM

PB

“ *He was a generous person who was willing to help others out. Phil will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him.*

Patty Bernstetter - September 22, 2025 at 09:58 PM

DA

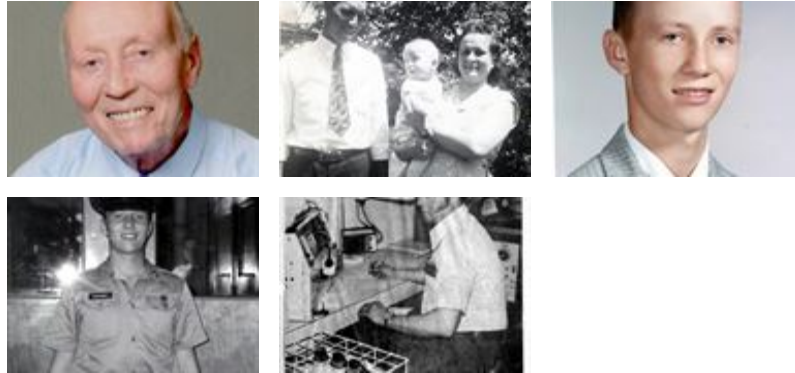
“ *Phil had such a giving heart, May we be so inspired. And may his family be comforted by all their cherished memories.*



Diane Schiller Anderson - September 21, 2025 at 10:36 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 21, 2025 at 07:19 PM

RB

“ Ray and Dorothy Beyer lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Ray and Dorothy Beyer - September 21, 2025 at 06:56 AM

RO

“ Rosemary Oberg lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Rosemary Oberg - September 19, 2025 at 04:36 PM

B1

“ *Brandon High School Class of 1964 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Phillip Thoennes.*



Brandon High School Class of 1964 - September 19, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RG

“ *Roland & Ginger Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Roland & Ginger Gilbert - September 19, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phillip Thoennes.*



September 19, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phillip Thoennes.*

September 19, 2025 at 09:02 AM

MM

“ *Marjorie Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - September 19, 2025 at 08:08 AM

MM

“ *Marjorie Mohs Harrison*

Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - September 19, 2025 at 08:07 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Barb and family. I was deeply saddened to learn of Phil's passing. It was an honor to get to know him when working at Homecrest and through St. Ann's. I am sure that God has gained another Saint. Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Candice Tellers - September 18, 2025 at 10:02 PM

JB

“ *Blessings to Barb and family. Thank you, Phil, for sharing your time and talents with our community. You will be missed.*



Joyce Boyne - September 18, 2025 at 12:20 PM

LB

“ *Phil was a sweet man; he was always willing to help others. He will be missed by many! Prayers to his family.*



Londa Burgau - September 17, 2025 at 05:56 PM

DG

“ *Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Donna Grendahl - September 17, 2025 at 03:35 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lynk lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Mary Lynk - September 17, 2025 at 03:17 PM

MM

“ *Marjorie Mohs-Harrison*



Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - September 17, 2025 at 12:48 PM

AM

“ April Malone lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



April Malone - September 17, 2025 at 10:32 AM

AM

“ Phil was a wonderful Christian example. His service to the community will be tough to match. I am eternally grateful for his assistance to my elderly family. He demonstrated a kindness that was genuinely and evident from the heart. I feel I can say with confidence, he is with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you, sir, for being a light for all to see. You will be dearly missed.

April Malone - September 17, 2025 at 10:32 AM

HD

Phil was always friendly and greeted everyone he knew. He was a very kind and gentle man. He did many good things around Wadena. He will be missed.

Harry and Judy Dahlin - September 19, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MR

“ Phil is my brother... I've known him for 76 years! He was the best kindest brother anyone could ask for! He was the oldest of our family of 13!

Mary Reuter - September 17, 2025 at 10:08 AM

BB

“ *Bobbie Bernstetter lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Bobbie Bernstetter - September 16, 2025 at 10:38 PM

PB

“ *Patty Bernstetter lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Patty Bernstetter - September 16, 2025 at 10:36 PM

LB

“ *Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Lucille Belch - September 16, 2025 at 10:19 PM

GS

“ *Gayle Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Gayle Schmidt - September 16, 2025 at 09:29 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Marladene Heinen - September 16, 2025 at 08:59 PM

DO

“ *Doug Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Doug Ostlund - September 16, 2025 at 08:20 PM

GP

“ *Gerald and Peggy Porter lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Gerald and Peggy Porter - September 16, 2025 at 07:48 PM

AD

“ *So sorry to hear about cousin Phillip. He was such a nice person.*



Alicia Daas - September 16, 2025 at 07:28 PM

LY

“ *Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Linda Youngbauer - September 16, 2025 at 04:52 PM

JL

“ *So very sorry to hear of his passing. Such a friendly gentleman. He will be missed.*

Joanne C Lynk - September 16, 2025 at 04:14 PM

RH

“ *Renee and Jim Hegarty lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Renee and Jim Hegarty - September 16, 2025 at 03:44 PM

WL

“ *Wadena Library lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Wadena Library - September 16, 2025 at 03:09 PM

TS

“ Tony and Rhonda Snyder lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Tony and Rhonda Snyder - September 16, 2025 at 02:20 PM

JH

“ Joel and Stacy Haverkamp lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Joel and Stacy Haverkamp - September 16, 2025 at 12:44 PM

VK

“ Barb and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Vern and Jean Kemper



Vern and Jean Kemper - September 16, 2025 at 12:13 PM

MS

“ Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Mike and Lea Snyder - September 16, 2025 at 11:41 AM

KM

“ Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Karen Munson - September 16, 2025 at 11:24 AM

SB

“ Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Sharon Boline - September 16, 2025 at 10:39 AM

JE

“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Judy Erdahl - September 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

SP

“ Steve & Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Steve & Nancy Peterson - September 16, 2025 at 09:40 AM

PA

“ *Barb ,my heart is with you at this time of Great Loss, Phil was such an awesome man who will be Greatly missed love you*



Polly Anderson - September 16, 2025 at 06:49 AM

JE

“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Jane Erckenbrack - September 15, 2025 at 10:36 PM

AD

“ *Audrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Audrey Davis - September 15, 2025 at 10:31 PM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Jon Johnson - September 15, 2025 at 09:50 PM

NK

“ So sorry to hear about Phillip. You are in our prayers. Norb and Donna Korkowski

Norbert Korkowski - September 15, 2025 at 09:40 PM

RS

“ Phil was honored to serve our country. He told me this many times. Phil served our community unselfishly and put everything he had in his heart into his endeavors. We will miss him daily and the tears will come easily when we look across the street and his white truck no longer occupies their driveway. We will forever miss sitting with Phil at the front of our garage and just "taking about stuff". He was a wonderful neighbor. We will think of him as often as our hearts will allow. .



Randy Mueller , Sally Siegler - September 15, 2025 at 08:46 PM

LW

Phil was a "people person" as well as family and community minded. He lived his Faith. We always enjoyed talking with him. Our sympathy, to you and your family Barb...also to Phil's relatives Dave and Lynda Wosmek

Lynda Wosmek - September 18, 2025 at 04:59 PM

DK

“ Dan Kern sent a virtual gift in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Dan Kern - September 15, 2025 at 08:45 PM

AL

“ *Phil was a great guy. He gave so much of himself to his community and his church. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to you Barb and your entire family.*

Al and Kathy Lorentz - September 15, 2025 at 08:43 PM

DK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dave and Trisha Kraemer - September 15, 2025 at 08:36 PM

DK

“ *Dave and Trisha Kraemer lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Dave and Trisha Kraemer - September 15, 2025 at 08:32 PM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



Esther and Alan Freitag - September 15, 2025 at 08:28 PM

KG

“ Ken and Judy Gilb lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Ken and Judy Gilb - September 15, 2025 at 07:32 PM

BS

“ Bruce and Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - September 15, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MO

“ Mike Ortmann lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes



Mike Ortmann - September 15, 2025 at 06:03 PM

BM

“ Barb-so sorry to hear about Phil. Hugs and prayers to you. Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.



Barb Masog - September 15, 2025 at 04:02 PM

SR

“ *Barb we are so sorry to hear that Phil passed away. We will keep him and the rest of you in our prayers*



Steve and Kathy Richter - September 15, 2025 at 03:51 PM

DR

“ *Dave & barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Phillip Thoennes*



dave & barb rousslang - September 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *Phil Thoesnes (following in the shoes of Dick Angus!!) was an excellent homebound coordinator good at giving directions!! I always found the place he was so nice*

Katherine Rohr - September 15, 2025 at 03:11 PM

ST

“ *Deepest sympathy to Barb and all of Phil's family. I got to know Phil when we both worked at Homecrest. Great person, he will be missed.*



Sue Theisen - September 15, 2025 at 01:20 PM