



William A. Thorpe

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William (Bill) Alvin Thorpe was born January 9, 1939 to Nathan and Margaret Thorpe in Hermiston Oregon. He passed away peacefully at home and went home to be with The Lord, January 20, 2014.

Bill grew up in Boardman Oregon, where he recalled fun times of roaming the deserts with his brothers and friends, hunting pheasants, ducks and sometimes each other. In high school Bill starred (his version of the story) on the football field and baseball field. He loved that he could play either right or left handed, giving him the advantage over other teams.

It was on the volleyball court that he met love of his life, Teresa Obermeier and they were married in 1958. A couple years later they moved to St. Helens where Bill started work at Boise Cascade. Two kids later, in 1967 they purchased and remodeled the home in Deer Island where Bill loved to have family and friends over often.

Bill used his talents of woodworking, archery and other skills to teach his kids and other 4-Hers. He also used those gifts that God had given him to lend a hand to many in the Deer Island community, church and to his elderly friends and neighbors.

An avid fisherman and hunter, He enjoyed hunting and fishing trips with friends and the family spent many camping trips searching for the elusive great fishing hole. When the grandkids came along, Bill and Teresa would pile them into the motor home and continue the memories and love of camping and fishing.

A life long member of Grange, he faithfully served the Deer Island Grange and Pamona, he enjoyed spending his 75th birthday at his last meeting of Grange. He also enjoyed Pinochle and knew every card everyone had!

Bill was extremely proud of all of his grand children and even more proud of his Great Grands. Bill and Teresa followed them over the years in all of their activities attending plays, recitals, ball games, tournaments etc.



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Retiring from Boise Cascade after 38 years gave Bill and Teresa more time to travel and searching out more of the unknown fishing spots along with clamming and camping. Bill didn't slow down in helping others though, his new "mission field" became taking care of elderly neighbors, fixing things around their homes, Dr. appointments and just listening to their stories. He also took on the care of the Kinder Cemetery as he and Teresa diligently and lovingly spent countless hours taking care of the Kinder Cemetery.

Preceding him his father Nathan Thorpe, brother Jim Thorpe and Great Granddaughter Abigail Worthington.

Survived by his wife Teresa Thorpe of 55 years, daughter Connie Thorpe of Portland, son Bill and daughter in law Kris Thorpe of Warren, 7 grandkids and 8 great grandkids, as well as his mother Margaret Thorpe of Hermiston, Oregon.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 11:00 at Columbia Funeral Home
Committal Service & Vault Interment: Kinder Cemetery- Deer Island





Events


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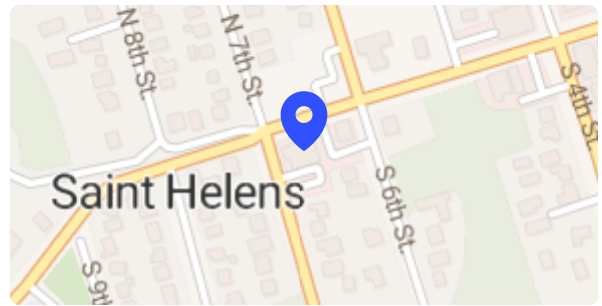
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Service


 **Friday**, January 24, 2014

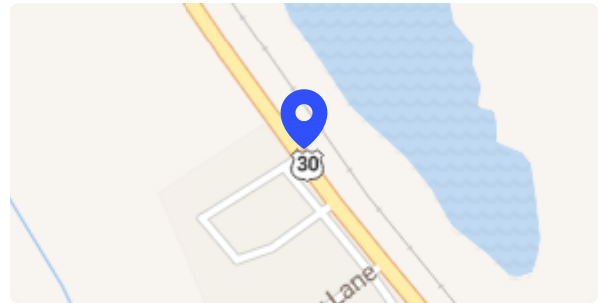
 11:00 AM PT

 **Columbia Funeral Home & Cremation Center**
681 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens OR 97051



Cemetery Details

 **Kinder Cemetery**
Columbia River Highway, Deer Island OR





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D'anita posted:

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April 22 at 2:52 AM



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April 22 at 2:52 AM



Judy Farnsworth lit a candle in honor of William.

So very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Praying that God's love will comfort all who knew Bill. Blessings & prayers, Judy & Jim Farnsworth.?

January 31 at 4:25 PM



Kay Baricevic posted:

So sorry to hear about Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Miss Kay and John

January 31 at 6:58 AM



Terry Kistner lit a candle in honor of William.

January 24 at 9:10 AM



Terry Kistner January 24 at 9:12 AM

You will be missed but I know you are in a good place free of pain



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TS

Terri Stephens lit a candle in honor of William.



January 23 at 8:02 PM

PS

Pauline Sullivan posted:

I am the baby Smith, Big sister Margaret I am sure got her share of sitting me. I as the oldest kind did the same for her Her baby's were more my age so they were all like younger siblings. Her folk work for our dad as our brothers were in the service. My memories of Bill are many. A towhead for sure. And daddy's helper. Following his footsteps as he changed water, for irrigation. Always kind and a joy to be around. His smile will be missed by all who knew him. My thoughts are with his friends and family on this sad time. He is in a brighter place now with those family members who have gone on before. From Aunt Pauline to you all my Love.

January 23 at 12:23 PM

RK

Ron, Lee And Terry Kistner sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Thorpe family.



January 23 at 12:20 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Thorpe family.



January 23 at 5:09 AM

TS

Teresa (Sister) posted:

My brother was a wonderful man, always there to show support in concerns with mom, He will be dearly missed by me and all his family and friends.

January 23 at 4:55 AM



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AS

Arleta Stalvig lit a candle in honor of William.

January 23 at 2:17 AM



GS

Georgeanne Smith lit a candle in honor of William.

Condolences go out to my good friend, Teresa Thorpe Long, and her entire family. May you all find and share peace and healing when you think fondly of Bill, and all the memories you made together. In Sympathy, GeorgeAnne Smith

January 22 at 3:05 PM



LO

Lorrie lit a candle in honor of William.

Anytime I was around Bill, he had a big smile. I know he was in a lot of pain over the last years of his life, but you would never know it. He will be deeply missed. Good by dear Brother-in -law.

January 22 at 1:26 PM



GB

Greg Bedord posted:

Didn't know Bill, but I'm sorry for your family loss.

January 22 at 1:19 PM

AW

Audra Graham-Workman lit a candle in honor of William.

January 22 at 10:48 AM



LG

Lyn Gosney January 23 at 12:56 AM

So sorry for your family's loss, my thoughts and prayer to all.



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DI

Diane posted:

Bill was a kind man - a wonderful fellow to work with. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Teresa and family.

January 22 at 4:08 AM

RU

Ruby posted:

Our prayer to Teresa and family. Ron & Ruby

January 22 at 2:06 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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