



Michael Lee Thompson, 74

August 1, 1949 - June 7, 2024

Sutton, NE resident Michael Lee Thompson, 74, passed away Friday, June 7, 2024, at Legacy Square in Henderson, NE.

A Rosary will be prayed at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 20024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sutton, NE. Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Church with Father Michael Zimmer officiating. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery near Sutton, NE with military honors by the Sutton American Legion Argonne Post #61 and the Nebraska Army Nation Guard Honor Guard. Visitation will be Tuesday, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family or to the Sutton American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Michael Lee Thompson was born August 1, 1949, in Chicago, Ill to Norman V. and Margaret (Foster) Thompson. The family moved to Oklahoma and Kansas before living in Geneva, Clearwater and Aurora, NE where he entered the 6th grade.

As a senior, through the Diversified Occupations, he worked for the Aurora News-Register and upon graduation continued his employment.

On May 11, 1968, he was united in marriage to Diane Paulette Matya and they made their home in Aurora. He was drafted into the Army in May 1970 and completed his basic training at Fort Lewis, WA. He was later transferred to Fort Carson, CO where he spent the rest of his service before being discharged in December of 1971. While at the Army base he joined the 5th Army bowling team and won the 5th Army tournament in Denver, CO.

They returned to Aurora and he resumed his job at the newspaper. They were blessed with three boys, Steven in 1973, Nicholaus in 1978 and Jeffrey in 1983. In 1977 the family moved to Sutton where he began working for Spearman Publishing until 1988 when Mike and Diane opened their own print shop, Printing MD.

Mike drove school bus for over 30 years and served on the Sutton School Board for 12 years.

He enjoyed umpiring baseball for many years and helped build the Legion baseball program. His other favorite pastimes included hunting, fishing, and bowling. Mike bowled one 298 game and two 300 games.

He was past Commander of the Sutton American Legion Argonne Post 61.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Norman, sister-in-law Stephanie Harms, and brother-in-law Mike Penner.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years Diane; sons Steven (Darla) of McCook; Nicholaus (Heather) of Papillion and Jeffrey (Ashley) of Sutton; sisters Stephanie Penner and Dawn (Don) Haymart of Aurora; sisters-in-law Mary Thompson of Alta Vista KS, Laurie (Jim) Pfeifer and Vicki (Tom) Pfeifer of Aurora; grandchildren Sydney, Hannah, Abigail, Piper and Skye.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

316530-31677 Road X
Sutton, NE 68979

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sutton Memorial Chapel
804 S. Saunders, Ave.
PO Box 612
Sutton, NE 68979
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suttonmemorial@windstream.net
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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am very sad to hear about Michael's passing. I grew up across the street from Michael in Aurora and worked with him at the News Register. He is a wonderful person and I will miss him. My condolences to his family. May your memories be blessing. Becky Morgan French

Becky French - June 14, 2024 at 01:29 PM

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“ The loss of a loved one is never easy. That is why we want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones left behind during this challenging time. Prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead. - from Farm Bureau Financial Services, The Schmeits Agency



Sydney George - June 13, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Flowers



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - June 12, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Thompson, 74.*



June 11, 2024 at 12:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Thompson, 74.*



June 10, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ *The Barkers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Thompson, 74.*

The Barkers - June 10, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Thompson, 74*



Virginia Johnson - June 08, 2024 at 11:28 AM

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“ *With love, Norman and Desiree. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Lee Thompson, 74.*



With love, Norman and Desiree. - June 07, 2024 at 06:17 PM