



James H. Thorpe

August 14, 1930 - July 6, 2019

James H. Thorpe, Age 88. Beloved Husband of Mary Ellen, nee Saunders for 64 years. Loving Father of Jim (Julie) Thorpe and the late baby Patrick Thorpe, Sandy (Ralph) Adas, Sharon Collins and John (Susan) Thorpe. Cherished Grandfather of Stefanie (Kevin RGFD) Brennan, Lauren Adas, Sara (Christopher, CFD) DeAngelis, Megan and Rachel Collins, Justin and Madeline Thorpe. Cherished Great Grandfather of Brynn and Charlotte Brennan. Dearest Brother of the late Ruth (late Robert) Lowe. James was very involved with St. Symphorosa Parish, serving as an Eucharistic Minister, member of Senior Choir and Super Club. He was a retired member of Sheet Metal Workers with the City of Chicago Local 73, and St. Rita High School Band Boosters. Resting at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th st just west of Harlem) Summit, IL 60501. Visitation Wednesday, July 10, 2019 from 3 PM to 8 PM. Funeral Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 9:30 AM from the funeral home to St. Rene Goupil Church for a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangement entrusted to Feeley-Balto Funeral Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Prayers

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ My name is David A. Thorpe, the Son of Raymond D. Thorpe, one of 2 Brothers of Jim’s Father Bert. I knew Jim when the Family lived on 55th near Racine, and from the Thorpe Picnics. Our Family all belonged to Local 73.

i’m planning on being in Chicago the week of June 24th and would like to meet Jim’s Family if possible. My email is AlsipMagistrate@gmail.com and my cell phone is 656-230-3949. We’re having a memorial service for my brother Jeff.

Hopefully a lot of the original Thorpe Family will be there. Kind of a reunion.

David A. Thorpe - May 08, 2023 at 01:31 AM

DT

“ My name is David A. Thorpe Jim’s cousin, and one of 6 kids and four boys oh his Dad’s brother, Raymond D. Thorpe, also a lifetime member of a Local 73, Sheet Metal Workers Union. My brothers Dick, Jeff, and I, also had membership cards, as Helpers, primarily during school vacations. My Uncle Bill, Jim’s Uncle, too, was also a member of Local 73.

I already submitted my condolences, but wanted any of Jim’s family to have my email address in case they wanted to keep in touch. I have two sisters that still live in the Chicago suburbs. my brother Jeff lives in Texas, I live in California.

My brother Don, born in Chicago about 2weeks before Jim, and my brother Dick, have also left us for a better place.

David A. Thorpe

Alsipmagistrate@gmail.com

Served as Police Magistrate for the Village of Alsip, Illinois from 1961 to 1965.

David A. Thorpe - July 14, 2019 at 05:42 PM

JD

“ Jim, so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved father. Alan and I are in Iowa looking after his dad, so are unable to attend your dad’s services. Our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. God bless.

Joanne Dean

Joanne Dean - July 11, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James H. Thorpe.*



July 10, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James H. Thorpe.*



July 09, 2019 at 05:39 PM

DA

“ Jim, my Cousin, born just 2 weeks short of my birthday, but 5 years older, as was my brother Don, was the only Thorpe called Jim Thorpe. A name which became famous after the 1953 movie, starring Burt Lancaster, “ Jim Thorpe, All-American.

I mostly only associated with Jim at the Thorpe family functions, such as the Thorpe Picnic at what became known as the Dan Ryan Woods. I remember staying at my Uncle Bert & Aunt Merts apartment on 55th near Racine and sleeping on a pull-down bed in a guest bedroom. A great experience.

Most of the “Original” Thorpe Family is gone, but will never be forgotten.

We have a great heritage of honorable and very proud of He Thorpe name of which Jimmy and his Sister Ruth were a part of, and my only regret is I didn't know him even better.

I know he will be very welcomed by his immediate and extended Thorpe Family.

Respectfully,

David A. Thorpe

David A. Thorpe - July 09, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James H. Thorpe.



July 08, 2019 at 10:13 PM

TF

“ *Tom & Judith Hebda and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James H. Thorpe.*



Tom & Judith Hebda and Family - July 08, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James H. Thorpe.*



July 08, 2019 at 11:41 AM

SJ

“ *Our sincere condolences to you and your family in this time of need from the Jager's.
Your dad was a great person who always had a smile on his face, and did the same for others.*

Scott Jager - July 08, 2019 at 10:45 AM