



## Jack Thein

August 3, 1932 - October 11, 2014

Jack Thein, 82 of Carroll, died peacefully on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at his residence in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 16, 2014 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Con-Celebrants will be Fr. Ed Tiedeman, Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Kate Cuddy and the St. Lawrence Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Nate Brody. Gift Bearers will be Jack's grandchildren. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Jack's Golf Buddies, Rec. Center Friends, and Coffee Friends. Casket Bearers will be: Jim Auen, Dean Riesselman, Jim Riesberg, Mike Riesberg, Bob Shirbroun, and Kelly Fleskes. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 5 p.m. on Wednesday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 10 a.m. on Thursday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the Jack and Bonnie Thein Scholarship Fund at Kuemper Catholic Schools. Those wishing to mail a memorial, please direct to Sharp Funeral Home; c/o

Jack and Bonnie Thein Scholarship Fund 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, IA 51401. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Jack's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

John (Jack) Francis Thein was born August 3, 1932, the son of Philip and Elisabeth (Schreck) Thein. He lived in Dedham during his childhood, with his family moving to Carroll when Jack was in 8th grade. He remained a life-long resident of Carroll. He graduated from Carroll High School in 1950 and served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1954. On July 30, 1955, he married Bonnie Riesberg at St. Augustine Church in Halbur. To this day, the hottest July 30 on record remains July 30, 1955. Jack worked for Farner-Bocken for 10 years and Hunt-Wesson Foods for 6 years. In 1969, he joined The Equitable of New York Insurance Company (now AXA-Equitable) and remained with the company until his retirement 2 years ago. He earned a place in the prestigious Equitable Hall of Fame.

He was an active member of St. Lawrence Church for over 50 years. He was a member of the American Legion and the American Legion Honor Guard for many years and served as the Legion Commander from 2011 to 2013. Most recently, Jack was elected as County Commander of the Legion. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a member of the Carroll Fire Department for over 35 years.

Jack played fast pitch softball for the Dedham Merchants for many years. Defensively, his duties were behind the plate as the team's catcher. He was even a bigger force offensively and hit many home runs, including the famous shot heard around Carroll County, where he hit the corn bins in Dedham. He loved every minute of fast pitch softball and considered his teammates his best friends.

Jack served on the Kuemper Foundation Board and also served on the Carroll County Board of Supervisors.

Jack loved golf, fishing and spending time with his 7 grandchildren. He was extremely proud of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He loved people, and never met anyone he didn't like. He enjoyed watching all sports, and was especially fond of Kuemper sports and Iowa State football and basketball. Jack possessed a wonderful sense of humor and had a joke for every occasion! He took great joy in making others happy.

Jack will be remembered for his sense of humor, his love for sports, including golf and fast pitch softball, and his deep love for church and community.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Bonnie of Carroll; a son, Scott and his wife Barbara of San Diego, CA; daughters: Lori Thein Brody of Mt. Horeb, WI; and Jill Thein-Nissenbaum and husband David of Middleton, WI, and 7 wonderful grandchildren: Andrew Thein; Nate, Louisa, Ben and Ethan Brody; Sophie and Maddie Nissenbaum; his sister Donna Riesselman and husband Leonard of Halbur; brother-in-law Donald Riesberg and wife Darlene of Halbur; sisters-in-law Shirley Fleskes and husband Jack of Highlands Ranch, CO, Charlene Manual of Anamosa, Virginia Walsh of Marblehead, MA, Carol Donovan and husband Dick of West Des Moines and Gloria Riesberg of Des Moines. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Phil and Elisabeth; his parents-in-law, Lawrence and Alvina Riesberg, a brother-in-law, Duane Riesberg, and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Riesberg.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Dear Bonnie & family,  
Even though Jack was much older than me, I remember his presence with my brother, Tom. Also, my Dad spoke so much of him as a great Fire Fighter and friend. We are remembering all of you in our prayers. We send our deep sympathy and loving thoughts.

Jim and Judy (Roth) Peitz  
Oregon City, OR

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Jim & Judy (Roth ) Peitz - October 24, 2014 at 12:23 PM

SB

“ Mrs Thein -- Sandy Ausman Bell here. I am so sorry for your loss. I just remember all the smiles from Jill's Dad. He was always a supporter of all of us in our class and always laughing. He would often join us when us kids were at your house. Always welcoming and accepting each of us - the hang out house. So many good memories and that is what we all should focus on. Take care of yourself - you have lots of support I am sure and remember all the great times 😊 --- take care

Sandy

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sandy bell - October 21, 2014 at 08:51 AM

KT

“ Thinking about all of the Thein family today and wishing I could be there. So sorry to hear about Jack's death. I have fond memories of great summer picnics with the whole crowd and Jack was always up for some fun with all the kids. And of course those early summer ballgames I usually make it back for will never be quite the same. Peace and Love to Bonnie, Scott, Lori, Jill and all family and friends.

*Kristie Tigges*

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**Kristie Tigges** - October 16, 2014 at 02:53 PM

GV

“ Bonnie and Family. So sorry that the voice of Kuemper Baseball has passed away. Talked to Jack at many baseball games when our sons were playing for Kuemper and now our Grandsons are playing for Kuemper. He will truly be missed. He was a true Kuemper Knight. You have our deepest sympathy. Gary and Betty Venteicher

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**gary venteicher** - October 16, 2014 at 01:33 PM

  
Andrew  
Rust

“ To All Thein Family - I'm so sorry to hear and my deepest condolence - I remember Jack always had a story to tell, a great smile and encouragement no matter what! He was a part of my family since his high school years (If I remember correctly) and enjoyed having him a part of it! Andrew Rust

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**Andrew Rust** - October 16, 2014 at 12:02 PM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I'm so happy that I got to meet Jack. He had a great smile and gave great hugs. Every time I visited Lori I would see something new, like recycling bins or coat hooks and she would say "Dad built that while he was here. He likes to keep busy!" I hope God has some projects lined up for him! Love to you all. Julie Hulsey

Julie Hulsey - October 15, 2014 at 02:04 PM

SW

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Sandy Williams - October 15, 2014 at 10:38 AM

KP

“ Lori , So sorry for your loss but know that you are in thoughts and prayers.  
Kate Petrignani

Kate Petrignani - October 15, 2014 at 01:42 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jack Thein.



October 14, 2014 at 01:54 PM

JS

“ *The Kuemper family will especially miss Jack Thein. The board meeting room instantly became brighter when he arrived. The Knights will have a great cheerleader in heaven. The echoes of his p.a. voice at historic Merchants Park will long endure. -John Steffes*

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**John Steffes** - October 13, 2014 at 09:11 PM

KS

“ *My thoughts are with you PT Jill, your Mom, Lori, and Scott during this very sad time. I am very lucky to have gotten to know your Dad on his visits to Madison. He is one of the very good guys. XXOO, Nurse Sully*

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**Kathy Sullivan** - October 13, 2014 at 08:13 PM

DB

“ *Jill and Family...  
My sympathy to you and your family at this time.*

*Doreen Kennebeck Bender*

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**Doreen Bender** - October 13, 2014 at 07:46 PM

FU

“ *From your friends at Rocky Mountain University purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jack Thein.*



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**From your friends at Rocky Mountain University** - October 13, 2014 at 02:32 PM

TS

“ *Bonnie and Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Jack was a very nice man. May God be watchful over his family during by his difficult time. May God welcome him home. Thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tracy Sturm** - October 13, 2014 at 10:03 AM

BE

“ *Jack was a great man, he will be missed by so many. Deepest sympathy to Bonnie, kids, relatives and many many friends. Beth Schechinger Eischeid*

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**Beth Eischeid** - October 12, 2014 at 11:03 PM

KA

“ *Our sympathy to the family. We knew Jack all of our life. He was a good friend to our dad.*  
*Kathy Schechinger Irlbeck*

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**kathy** - October 12, 2014 at 10:20 PM