



## Melvin I. Thorp

July 3, 1929 - March 9, 2020

Melvin "Mel" I. Thorp, 90, of Fond du Lac, passed away on Monday, March 9, 2020, at Grancare Nursing Center.

He was born on July 3, 1929, in Shiocton, WI, the son of Ernest and Mary Jane Coe Thorp. He was a graduate of Shiocton High School, Class of 1947. He served in the U.S. Army, during the Korean War as counterintelligence and a paratrooper. On May 2, 1952, he married Dorothy J. Knutson in Baltimore, MD. She preceded him in death on April 28, 1990.

In his early years, Mel worked for Badger Breeders. He then went on to own and operate Thorp's Lighthouse Restaurant and the Greyhound Bus Depot. He retired from Waupun Correctional Insitute where he worked in the inmate canteen department. He was a member of Lighthouse Christian Church. He was an avid reader, enjoyed crosswords, fishing, and loved going to Lakeside Park to watch the ducks.

He is survived by his children: David (Carolyn) Thorp of Broomfield, CO, Michael (Cheri) Thorp of Van Dyne, Debra (David) Richards of Little Chute and Cathy (Matthew) Johnson of North Fond du Lac; two foster daughters: Darlene (Fritz) Schubert of Pittsville and Lynn Nowac of Midlothian, VA; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Dorothy, two brothers: Clare and Clemens; three sisters: Kathryn, Lucille, Marion.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 11:00-1:00 PM, at Lighthouse Christian Church, 401 South National Avenue, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 1:00 PM at Lighthouse Christian Church, with Rev. Tim Carlton officiating. Trier-Puddy American Legion Post #75 will conduct military graveside services. Entombment will take place at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum in Ledgeview Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Ledgeview Memorial Park

N6250 County Trunk K  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Lighthouse Christian Church  
401 South National Avenue  
Fond Du Lac, WI 54935

## Funeral Service

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lighthouse Christian Church  
401 South National Avenue  
Fond Du Lac, WI 54935

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences in your loss of Melvin, we know one of the first to greet him will be our parents, and a Salute from Dad. Sincere sympathy sent from the family of Johnny and Betty Carpenters family.*

Linda Carpenter-Ritchie - March 11, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin I. Thorp.*



March 11, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin I. Thorp.*



March 10, 2020 at 10:14 PM

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“ *Rick, Cheryl, Mandi, and Chris purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin I. Thorp.*



Rick, Cheryl, Mandi, and Chris - March 10, 2020 at 05:07 PM