



Richard Thorne

February 18, 2007

Thorne, Richard Charles 81, of Minneapolis, formerly of Chicago, following a brief illness, 2/12/07. Mr. Thorne was known in radio and commercial films for his work as a writer, director, producer, actor, and announcer. He wrote three nationally-syndicated radio programs for the Mutual Broadcasting System. Most recently he wrote, directed and produced training films, and received many awards for outstanding productions. Mr. Thorne taught at Columbia College in Chicago. He also worked in public relations at the American Osteopathic Association, the Board of Election Commissioners, and Chicago Theological Seminary. He served as press secretary to the governor of Illinois. He relocated to Minneapolis in 2003. He was an avid fisherman and reader. He greatly enjoyed the fellowship of friends and the art of conversation. Mr. Thorne is survived by former wife, Janice; children, Janice (Dale) Kidd, Richard (Celeste Machirol) Thorne, Robin (Joseph) Darcy, and Lowell (Stephen) Wagner; grandchildren, David, Dawn, and Shona Lukes, Katharine (David) Mumbleau, Allyson Thorne (Dennis Casimero), Richard Jacob Thorne, Richard and Shannon Darcy, and Richard and Thomas Wagner. Also great grandchildren, Vincent and Patricia Lukes, Colin Darcy, and Auden and Kylin Casimero. Mr. Thorne was predeceased by his daughter, Alynne Lukes. The family thanks the staff at Methodist Hospital and Hospice for the skilled and compassionate care he received. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Actors fund (729 7th Ave., NY, NY 10019), St. Labre Indian School (Ashland, MT), or Methodist In-Patient Hospice (6500 Excelsior, St. Louis Park, MN) are

appreciated. Funeral arrangements in Chicago are pending. Washburn-
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