



Wayne Thompson

August 7, 2014

Wayne wrote his own lifestory to share with his family and friends:

I was born on May 2, 1948 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota to Lester and Clara (Fossen) Thompson. I was baptized at Bagstevold - now Grace - Lutheran Church in Erhard. While growing up in Erhard, I attended country school at District #278 through sixth grade. I then attended Pelican Rapids Junior and Senior High Schools. Following graduation from High School I attended Fergus Falls Community College for one year. It was during that period that I met my beloved wife, Peggy Blix. In 1967 I enlisted in the US Air Force and upon my discharge moved to the Minneapolis - St. Paul area so I could be near my soon to be wife, Peggy, who was attending Anchor School of Nursing.

While in the Twin Cities I attended the Minnesota School of Business and worked for Investor's Diversified Credit Corporation. During my employment at IDS, I became very interested on law enforcement. To pursue that dream I attended North Hennepin Community College and attained my Associate Degree in Law Enforcement.

On August 23, 1969, Peggy and I were married in Fergus Falls and made our home in Anoka. In 1973, we welcomed our dear daughter, Dawn, and in 1975 were blessed with daughter, Stephanie.

My law enforcement career started in 1971 with the City of Parkers Prairie Police Department. After one year I returned to the Twin Cities as a police officer with the City of Mounds View. In 1974 I was hired as a Deputy Sheriff with Anoka County Sheriff's Department. In 1991 I attained the position of Superintendent of Anoka County Park Rangers and Chief of the Anoka County Park Police. In this capacity I supervised over 60 seasonal personnel.

In 1998 I retired from Anoka County accepting a position with the US Marshall's Office as Court Security Officer at the Federal Courthouse in Minneapolis. In 2002, however, I decided to retire completely from law enforcement and enjoy my passion of golf at our summer home - Carefree Country Club - in Big Lake.

It is now that I say goodbye to my dearest wife, my dear family, and all my friends for I am going to my new home. Remember: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

In my memory do an act of kindness each day, it will light a candle in a world of darkness.

Wayne is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Faye. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Peggy, daughters Dawn (Jason) Gulbranson, Stephanie (Bill) Helser, and grandchildren Hunter, Dylan, and Mitchell Gulbranson and Bethany, Brett, and Blake Helser. Visitation 5-8pm Thursday Aug. 14 at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. Funeral service at 11am Aug.15 at Faith Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd. with visitation 1 hour prior to service.

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Absolutely EVERY time Wayne came in to my shop he was gracious, kind, gentle and honest too. One of the best folks I've met in my life. Always at the ready to ease ones worries with genuine support. Just a few weeks ago he was in here and just like the very first time I'd met him, years and years ago, a wonderful, uplifting meeting had taken place. Whenever I saw him pull up I knew we would have some laughs and good conversations! Wonderful man that I'm proud to have called my friend. My prayers for the well being of those he left behind and god speed my friend. Erik Lund.

Erik Lund - August 15, 2014 at 09:38 AM

JF

“ Jim, Sara, and Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Wayne Thompson.



Jim, Sara, and Family - August 14, 2014 at 08:45 AM

RH

“ Peg and family,
We are sorry for your loss. Wayne was a glue guy, bringing together his friends from the class of 66 and making things happen. Like others, the new free time of retirement gave rise to getting together to golf, play pool, hang out and plan for other things like a class reunion in two years. He was fun to be around and we had such good times together.

Ralph and Judy Hagen

Ralph Hagen - August 13, 2014 at 11:08 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Helser lit a candle in memory of Wayne Thompson



Stephanie Helser - August 13, 2014 at 10:16 AM

SH

“ I miss you so much dad!! You live on through your kids and grand kids. I love you!!! We will meet again some day.

Stephanie Helser - August 13, 2014 at 10:14 AM

PR

Sorry Peg, Dawn, Stephanie, Grandkids & Family for the loss of Wayne. Wayne was one of the nicest, greatest, helpful, caring, fun, and overall most awesome guy I will ever know again. I miss you +Wayne and looking forward to the day we meet again.

Patrick Rakow (O'Malley)

Patrick Rakow - August 13, 2014 at 03:23 PM

SS

Wayne and I were confirmed together in Erhard and rode the bus to high school in Pelican Rapids and graduated together. I guess you could say we had known each other all of our lives until we became adults. He was one of the kindest, nicest human beings I have ever met and we will all miss him very much.

Shirley (Bengtson) Strand

Shirley Strand - August 15, 2014 at 09:24 AM