

Walter James Thorn



Name: Walter Thorn

Age: 77

Dateline: Glasgow, MT

Date of Death: November 12, 2013

Place of Death: St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, MT

Memorial Service: Friday, November 15, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, MT

Service: Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the

St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, MT

Interment: Highland Cemetery in Glasgow, MT

In charge of arrangements: Bell Mortuary, Glasgow, MT

Walter James Thorn, 77, from Glasgow, MT died on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 in Billings after a yearlong battle with a rare form of leukemia.

Walt was born on August 30, 1936 in Great Falls, MT to James and Helen Thorn. He married Sondra Gallagher of Glasgow on August 15, 1959 and spent the next 54 years with his best friend. They had four children. He graduated from Havre High School in 1955 and joined the Navy where he participated in Operation Redwing which was the testing of the H-Bomb in the Pacific Ocean. In the early '60s he worked for Boeing on the Minuteman Missile Projects in Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, and South Dakota. In 1968 he started his own business "Thorn Refrigeration" in Glasgow and continued to work until he retired in 1998. He was a well-known business man in Northeast Montana that was known for his hard work and honesty.

Walt was one of the founding members of the Glasgow AAU Wrestling Club, a member of the Glasgow School Board, and a retired member of the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department. During retirement he and Sondra enjoyed spending the winters in Bouse, AZ, traveling all around the US, playing golf, and doing water color painting. He enjoyed working around the house and helping his elderly neighbors with yard work and snow removal. His greatest joy came from spending time with his children and especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Pat Thorn & Kenny Thorn.

Survivors include his wife, Sondra, daughter, Bridgett (Dallas) Gardner of Billings, MT, sons Curtis (Shelly) Thorn of Scobey, MT, Christopher (Maricelle) Thorn of Perris, CA, Matthew (Gerilyn) Thorn of Brookings, SD; grandsons Jeffrey Rogney, Tyson Stebleton, Micheal Thorn, Eric Gardner, Chandler Thorn, Zachary Thorn; granddaughters Katie Gatlin, Alicia Morehouse, Sondra Thorn, Allison Branum, and Morgan Thorn; great-grandchildren Cale, Jovee and Tay Morehouse, Troy and Tya Stebleton, and Gabriel Thorn; and sisters Debbie Gabriel and Kitty Nelson.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 15th at 6:00 PM at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, MT.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November, 16th at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, MT at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery, and a reception at St. Raphael's Parish Center will follow interment.