



Donald R. Thurin

March 23, 1931 - April 2, 2019

Donald R. Thurin, 88, of Benicia, passed away peacefully in a local hospital surrounded by his family. He was born in Chicago moved to Vallejo with his family in 1941.

He was a graduate of St. Vincent High School, Class of 1949. It was there that he met the love of his life Elizabeth Murphy. He attended St. Mary's College on a basketball scholarship prior to entering the armed forces. He enlisted in the California National Guard and was activated into the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951-1952. After Don returned from the Army and Liz graduated from nursing school, they were married on November 7th, 1953 at St. Vincent Catholic Church. The family lived in Vallejo for many years and then moved to Benicia in 1971. Don worked more than 40 years for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, retiring in 1986.

Don was a member of St. Dominic Parish and The Knights of Columbus Father Vilarrasa Council 7268. He enjoyed traveling and spending summers on family camping trips. Later in retirement Don and Liz enjoyed many motorhome trips with their lifelong friends. Dad loved Lake County and spending time at the family cabin on Cobb Mountain. He was a avid sports fan enjoyed rooting for the San Francisco Giants.

He is survived by Liz, his wife of 65 years; son Joe (Debi) Thurin; daughters Carol (Jack) Kemper, Susanne Olson, Mary (Steve) Upton and Beth (Frank) Hussar; sister Marjorie Walsh; sister-in-law Aileen Murphy; 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Don is preceded in death by his infant children Ann

and James, and brother Mel.

Visitation will be from 2-5 Tuesday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West Second Street, Benicia. Vigil services will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Dominic Church, 475 East I Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at St. Dominic Church followed by burial with Military Honors in St. Dominic Cemetery. Family prefers donations to St. Vincent/St. Patrick High School or St. Dominic Parish.

He was a GREAT guy who was loved by all and will be greatly missed!

Cemetery Details

St. Dominic's Cemetery

Hillcrest Avenue & East 5th Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Vigil services

APR 9. 7:00 PM (PT)

St Dominic's
475 East I Street
Benicia, Ca 97510

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 10. 11:00 AM (PT)

St Dominic's
475 East I Street
Benicia, Ca 97510

Tribute Wall



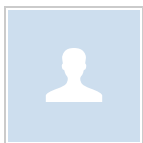
“ *Donald R. Thurin*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Remembering happy times shared over the years with a great couple! Thanks for the friendship and caring Don always exhibited. Another sad loss to accept. To Liz, and all their family and friends I send my sympathy and prayers.*
Marie Earp

MARIE EARP - April 10, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.*



April 09, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ *Condolences to the Thurin family from Rich and the guys at the barber shop. We've had 50 years of great stories and laughs.*
Rich Sterneberg

Rich Sterneberg - April 09, 2019 at 01:22 PM

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“ Lynn Chiang, CPA in Fremont, CA purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



Lynn Chiang, CPA in Fremont, CA - April 09, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



April 08, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



April 08, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



April 08, 2019 at 10:30 AM

MM

“ I am very sorry to hear of Don,s passing. Super person and fantastic family. All of you are in my prayers. Joe and Debra my condolences and prayers. Mike Mccoulf.



Michael Mccoulf - April 07, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



April 07, 2019 at 05:31 PM

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“ Kathleen Thurin Smith lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Thurin



Kathleen Thurin Smith - April 06, 2019 at 05:54 PM

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“ Memories....Don, the ever sweet and joyful uncle. I never saw my Uncle Don in anything but a good mood ~ always smiling and quick to laugh. Always interested in how you were doing. The home of Uncle Don and Aunt Liz always known to be a welcome and happy place for family to gather. Always thought of how very blessed my cousins were to have this man as father. No matter how many years passed between seeing seeing my Uncle, I never felt a space of time. Father and Jesus certainly welcome his homecoming as we miss his absence among us....."No dirge of sorrow shall we play for one who goes to meet the Lord. Could we all be Heaven's guests, as you receive your just reward. Dear blessed sleep that merely marks the ending of a holy quest. Your gentle touch remains upon the hearts of those who loved you best." Live fully in God's love Dear Uncle.
Kathleen Thurin-Smith

Kathleen Thurin Smith - April 06, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



April 06, 2019 at 05:23 PM

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“ Kim, Cindy, Gary, Brett and Erika purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



Kim, Cindy, Gary, Brett and Erika - April 06, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



April 05, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ We Cawleys are so sad about the loss of your husband and Dad. It is a most difficult time in your lives but faith will pull you through. Know we are here if you need us.

Leeann Cawley - April 05, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.



April 05, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Liz, Carol, Mary, Joe, and the rest of the family. We are sorry that your Husband and Father passed. Rich and Hope Stewart



Rich Stewart - April 05, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald R. Thurin.*



April 05, 2019 at 03:22 AM



“ *Thanks Dad, for every thing...*

joe - April 05, 2019 at 12:59 AM