



Lester George Thiessen

November 4, 1935 - March 14, 2017

Lester George Thiessen, 81, of Mooresville, passed from this life at 10:07a.m., on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Meadow Lakes of Mooresville. He was born on November 4, 1935, in Prospect Park, New Jersey.

Lester attended North Fourth St. Christian School and graduated from Central High School in 1950. While working as a crossing guard during the fifth grade, he was spotted and proclaimed by a younger girl named, Grace. A sharp, meticulous, and determined man, he worked on dairy farms before being called to active duty in the United States Army post Korean War in August of 1954. While on leave he married his childhood sweetheart, Grace Kuiken on November 10th 1954. After being honorably discharged from the armed services Lester decided to change careers and start a career in aviation at Pan American Airlines. Lester spent most of aviation career in flight crew training. He worked for nearly 45 years in aviation; working 29 years with Pan-Am, 8 years for Delta and 4 years with ATA. Being in the aviation field they moved around the country quite a bit.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Thiessen surpassed and excelled in life. As a detail orientated, mechanically inclined and skilled perfectionist, Lester not only provided for his family, he committed himself to every aspect of their lives. He truly enjoyed fixing things and helping the kids and grandkids with various home projects. In his younger years, he liked to bowl, throw horse-shoes, and

play tennis. A pool shark, Lester was always known to hold his own in a quick game of pool. Due to failing health with early stages of Alzheimer's, they relocated to Indiana in 2014, where they have comfortably settled into the peaceful community at Meadow Lakes Senior Living of Mooresville. Blessed to spend a lifetime together, their story is one to cherish. The legacy of Lester Thiessen will continue to fly and soar with each generation.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Agnus (Hoek) Thiessen; father and step-mother, George and Cornelia (Schelde) Thiessen; and his youngest daughter, Beth Acevedo.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Grace (Kuiken) Thiessen of Mooresville; children, Eileen Reep (husband, Jerry) of Oxford, FL; David Thiessen (wife, Kathleen) of Monrovia; Glen Thiessen (wife, Janet) of Sammamish, WA; Dean Thiessen (wife, Brenda) of Chicago, IL; son-in-law, Ed Acevedo of Maryland; brothers, Tom, Pete, and Jerald Thiessen; sisters, Margaret Kuiken and Lorraine Hagadorn; grandchildren, Alley, Louis, Sarah, Eric, Linda, Rachel, Rebecca, Daniel, Jennifer, Laura, Joseph, Lori, Benjamin, Abraham; and 16 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 3:00p.m., on Saturday, March 18, 2017, with visitation held an hour prior, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Burial will take place in White Lick Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to join the Graveside Service held at Noon, on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Pastors Mark Wright and Art Good will officiate services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family c/o Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E. Main Street, Monrovia, IN 46157. To share a favorite story, photo, condolence or to light a candle in Lester's memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

White Lick Cemetery

13326 N. White Lick Road
Mooresville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life

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Graveside Service

MAR 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Eileen grace Thiessen was added to the Family Tree.*

Nancy Bean - April 06, 2017 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Grace Kuiken was added to the Family Tree.*

Nancy Bean - April 06, 2017 at 02:14 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Les was my SS teacher at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Newport, TN. Les is now healed, walking on streets of gold; Les has gone home.*

Hope Watts - March 20, 2017 at 06:40 AM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 18, 2017 at 03:11 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - March 17, 2017 at 02:56 PM