



William Louis Thorp

September 13, 1934 - February 10, 2022

William "Bill" Louis Thorp, aged 87, died peacefully at home February 10, 2022. Bill was born Sept. 13, 1934, to Dorothy and John Thorp in Brooklyn, NY. As a young man he joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War being Honorably Discharged.

He married "Mel" Tracy in 1957. Their life as a young married couple began in Myrtle Beach where Bill had taken his first radio gig as the morning DJ. Bill's radio experiences led him into sales, first with Encyclopedia Britannica, and later with New York Life.

Bill moved his family to Yorktown Heights, NY and became active in local school politics. He was a proud member of the Lakeland School Board during critical rebuilding years post 1977's historical strike.

After 31 years he retired from New York Life. Bill and Mel returned to Myrtle Beach and enjoyed an active retirement. Mel predeceased him in 2015 and in 2018 Bill married Millie Van Slaars. Bill was a member of the Elks and avid Dodgers, Mets and Giants fan, loved Dixieland Jazz music, and had an incredible ability to recall song titles and artists due to his passion for music and radio.

Bill is survived by his wife, Millie, a sister, Marjorie (Gunner) Berg; children,

John (Ginny); Jennifer; Bill (Peggiann); Monica "Nikki"; Paul; grandchildren: Casey, Connor, Meredith, Jake, Luke, Alec, Kyle and Will; great-granddaughter Melissa; Stepchildren: Lori Hess (David); Kathy Larkin (David); and many extended family members and friends.

Viewing and Visitation followed by rosary will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Goldfinch Funeral Home 606 Beaty St. Conway SC 29526, with a Mass of Christian burial at 9:00 am Thursday at St. James Roman Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital, which Bill supported.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Goldfinch Funeral Home Conway

Mass

FEB **17**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church

1071 Academy Drive

Conway, SC 29526

<http://www.stjamesconway.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *Bill Video*



Paul Thorp - February 26, 2022 at 12:25 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Bill Video*



Paul Thorp - February 19, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *William Louis Thorp*.



February 15, 2022 at 09:40 AM