



William "Bill" Dale Thiesen

August 4, 1946 - July 2, 2019

William "Bill" Dale Thiesen, 72, of Spirit Lake passed away on July 2, 2019 at his home in Spirit Lake.

There was a gathering to celebrate Bill's life at the VFW in Spirit Lake on Saturday July 13, 2019.

William Dale Thiesen born on August 6, 1946, died at the age of 72 on July 2, 2019 of probable complications from diabetes. He was the beloved brother of Judith Thiesen Crozier, uncle to Gaea crozier (Ryan Maki), Samuel Crozier, and Kaitlin Crozier, great uncle to five nieces and nephews, Nathan, Ryan, Elia, Siena and Lily. He was born and grew up in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Alinda (Billie) Thiesen.

He was the owner of the Black Coach with his then wife, Ginny Thiesen, during the 70's and 80's. His restaurant was well known in the Spirit Lake area. It was commended by the Argus Leader newspaper for its steaks and broasted chicken and for the delicious Sunday brunches and homemade bake goods created by Ginny. He loved the restaurant business and was passionate about building a strong team and treated everyone in a caring, selfless, funny and optimistic way.

In recent years he took a keen interest in collecting historical reproductions of Arnolds Park and Spirit Lake, beautifully framing, displaying and marketing them. A celebration of Life was held at the VFW on July 13, 2019. He was

loved and embraced by a community of friends who knew him by 'Billy' or 'Bicycle Bill'.

If desired memorials can be sent to the American Diabetic Association and would be greatly appreciated.

Internment private, Riverview Cemetery, Rock Rapids, IA

Previous Events

Service

JUL 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

VFW

914 Lake Street

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall

CW

“ CONNIE WYMER lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen



CONNIE WYMER - August 02, 2019 at 08:34 PM

LF

“ Many memories of Bill stopping by our construction sites over the years. He was a special person. Ride into the sun on your bike Bill.
Jay and Laura Fagen



Laura Fagen - July 13, 2019 at 09:42 PM

PE

“ Sad to learn of Bill's passing. Have many happy memories of times spent with my former brother-in-law. 🙏🌸💕 Pat Erickson

Pat Erickson - July 13, 2019 at 06:59 PM

JA

“ Janice lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen



Janice - July 13, 2019 at 06:12 PM

JF

RIP Bill! I will miss seeing you riding the streets on your bike or our quick visits in the grocery store! Years of memories remain. My sympathies to all Bill's family and friends. 🙏❤️

Janice F. - July 13, 2019 at 06:18 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Gibson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Cindy Gibson - July 12, 2019 at 12:04 AM

CW

“ *Cathy And Denny Worden lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Cathy and Denny Worden - July 11, 2019 at 05:40 PM

BW

“ *Bev Wittler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Bev Wittler - July 09, 2019 at 05:51 PM

KA

“ *Bill let everyone feel like you were his friend. He was a constant presence in Spirit Lake. I never got tired of his cheery greetings.*

Kathy Anderson - July 09, 2019 at 02:40 PM

RC

“ *Bill was my true friend. I'm so shocked and heartbroken to hear of his passing. I appreciated so much of him offering me a place to stay when visiting Spirit Lake. I will miss the lunches we had together when visiting. R,I,P, Buddy, You'll be missed by all but not forgotten.*

Rita Childers - July 09, 2019 at 12:01 AM

DA

“ *DEANNE ANDERSON lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



DEANNE ANDERSON - July 05, 2019 at 07:14 PM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Doug and Barb Ricke - July 05, 2019 at 10:39 AM

DB

“ *My sympathy to your family.*

Dayle Brooks



Dayle Brooks - July 05, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Our condolences to Bill's family. We lived across the street from Bill and Ginny next to Gary and Carol Caviness on Keokuk for many years. He was a great neighbor and we enjoyed talking with him.*

Robbi Heath - July 05, 2019 at 10:01 AM

SD

“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked for Bill and Ginny at the Black Coach. Really liked working there. Such nice people. I enjoyed seeing Bill on his bike. Always said hi and sometimes chatted. Hugs and prayers to the family.*

Sally DeLoss - July 05, 2019 at 09:07 AM

KA

“ *Kurt & Bonnie Anderson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Kurt & Bonnie Anderson - July 05, 2019 at 08:06 AM

JD

“ Jeff Delaney lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen



Jeff Delaney - July 04, 2019 at 05:11 PM

FJ

“ Fran Jungjohan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen



Fran Jungjohan - July 04, 2019 at 01:15 PM

BN

“ Bernice (Dieters) Norton lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen



Bernice (Dieters) Norton - July 04, 2019 at 12:23 PM

BN

New Billy well. I remember going in his folks grocery store all the time. Billy was always there. (Punky Dieters) RIP Bill.

Bernice (Dieters) Norton - July 04, 2019 at 12:25 PM

BS

“ *Bev Sill lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Bev Sill - July 04, 2019 at 11:33 AM

CL

“ *Charlene Lindsey lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Charlene Lindsey - July 04, 2019 at 11:05 AM

CL

Billy was a good friend he will be missed

Charlene Lindsey - July 04, 2019 at 11:07 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Jim and Annie Bauer - July 04, 2019 at 09:54 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Rickman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Nancy Rickman - July 04, 2019 at 09:32 AM

BA

“ *Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen*



Beverly Atwell - July 04, 2019 at 08:38 AM

KS

“ *The Black Coach Steakhouse was a great place to eat with you & Ginny out front and Gary and the kitchen staff making it happen in the back of the house. I always enjoyed seeing you and reminiscing a bit. Hoping you're enjoying a good bike ride. 💜*
~Karen Ridenour Stoller

Karen Ridenour Stoller - July 04, 2019 at 05:10 AM

JJ

“ *Bill will be missed by all who knew him.*



Judy Johnson - July 03, 2019 at 10:23 PM

SM

“ Sarah Mitchell lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen



sarah mitchell - July 03, 2019 at 06:18 PM

TG

“ Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Dale Thiesen



Twyla Garnmeister - July 03, 2019 at 05:06 PM

TG

“ I have known Bill since we were kids I Rock Rapids. He will be missed in Spirit Lake.

Twyla Garnmeister - July 03, 2019 at 05:05 PM