

Glenn Thiel – BS 1960 Pharmacy

Glenn Thiel, 85, Bismarck, passed away on January 6, 2024.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30AM, Friday, January 12, at Ascension Catholic Church, 1825 S. 3rd St., Bismarck.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 7:00PM, with a vigil service starting at 7:00PM, Thursday, January 11, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck.

Glenn H. Thiel was born January 10, 1938 in a home in New Salem. He was named Prince of the Year being the first boy born that year. Glenn's parents received many gifts from local businesses, the most memorable being 1/2 ton of coal. In 1940 he contracted Polio. Little was known about the disease at that time and he was very lucky, recovering with only the muscle of upper left arm (elbow to shoulder) which did not develop. Glenn never considered himself to be handicapped as he adjusted and learned to do most everything. Glenn grew up with his family on various farms in the New Salem and Judson area. He graduated from New Salem High School in 1956.

Glenn started college in the fall of 1956. Glenn's grandmothers were very instrumental in insisting that he go to college as they thought having only one good arm, farming would be hard for him. In 1960, he graduated from the North Dakota Agricultural College with a BS Degree from School of Pharmacy, that same year he went to work for the Bismarck Hospital Pharmacy attaining the position of Assistant Chief Pharmacist. While working at Bismarck Hospital Pharmacy, Glenn met Judith Eckroth, a student nurse. Glenn and Judy married on October 5, 1963 at Christ the King Church in Mandan.

In March, 1964, Glenn and Judy moved to Linton taking a job at Linton Drug. Glenn and Judy's two boys were born during their years in Linton. It was 1978 when Glenn and Judy opened their variety store in Harvey called Harvey Ben Franklin. They owned and managed the store for 27 years before selling the business and retiring.

In November 2005 Glenn and Judy moved to Bismarck to be closer to family. Despite being retired Glenn went to work at McDonalds on Expressway as he enjoyed being among people. He was very active in choir and cantering for mass at Church of the Ascension. Glenn also volunteered for many other activities as he liked being busy. Throughout his life, Glenn was always involved in community affairs service as an officer or chairman of numerous community projects. Glenn enjoyed camping, he and Judy started when their boys were very young and continued camping well into retirement. Judy and Glenn also traveled much of the US and Canada over the years, they liked to travel and the variety store business took them to most big cities in the U.S. to buy merchandise. Glenn very much enjoyed life and family was always very important.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Judy (Eckroth) Thiel; his sons, Bruce (Paz) Thiel, Crystal, MN and Darrick Thiel, special friend, Colleen King, Las Vegas; sisters, Peggy Reuther, Bismarck, Betty Moltzen, New Salem and grandchildren, Camille Grey, Miranda Thiel, Danny Alvarado and Katie Thiel. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sheila; his parents, and brothers-in law Rod Reuther and Leroy Moltzen.