



Sylvester John Thelen Jr.

January 3, 1932 - November 14, 2022

Sylvester John Thelen, age 90, of Templeton, died Monday, November 14, 2022 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

A Private Family Burial will be held at a later date in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Templeton.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Sylvester's at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Sylvester was born on January 3, 1932 in Carroll County, Iowa, to Sylvester John, Sr. and Mathilda E. (Neuerburg) Thelen. He attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Carroll County, finishing grade school, and later took a correspondence course to finish high school.

At age 16 when his father passed away he left home and went to work as a hired man. He worked at various jobs before settling in Templeton to drive truck for his brother Gerald and later purchased a Portable Feed Mill from him. He became a dealer for Supersweet Feeds in 1960 and continued grinding feed for farmers and selling feed until his retirement in 2000.

In retirement he enjoyed going to the casino and gardening, which was his

favorite way to pass time as he liked to work and being outdoors. He was not a traveler, but did enjoy his trips to the Bahamas and Hawaii. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Templeton. He was a past member of the Knights of Columbus, and a former volunteer fireman.

He married Kay Frances Fuchs on February 15, 1958 at St. Francis Church in Maple River with the Rev. P.M. Mattes officiating. They made their home in the Templeton area for their life. They have two sons: Michael Sylvester of Rochester, MN; and Cletus John Thelen of Templeton; all surviving Sylvester.

Also surviving are the following brother and sisters: Ralph of Davenport, Mary Ann Ludwig of Carroll, Lynette (Michael) Schaffer of Omaha. Sisters-in-law: Florence Thelen of Atlantic, Virginia Thelen of Anita, Cecelia Thelen of Carroll, and many nieces and nephews.

Sylvester was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Gerald, Eugene, Norman, Norbert & Lawrence; and sisters Linda (John Hoffmann), Marcile (Alfred Hoffman) and Dorothy, Victor, and Melvin in infancy. Sisters-in-law: Mrs. Marlene (Norman) Thelen, Mrs. Donna (Ralph) Thelen, and brother-in-law: Allan Ludwig.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Doug & Cheryl King lit a candle in memory of
Sylvester John Thelen Jr.



Doug & Cheryl King - November 20, 2022 at 01:39 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Kay, Michael and Cletus, Praying for your loss. Keeping
you all in my daily prayers. Catherine Helen Rutten

Catherine Thelen Rutten - November 16, 2022 at 07:31 AM

GS

“ Aunt Kay, Mike and Cletus, I will light a candle in Church and have
masses said for Uncle Junior and will keep all of you in my thoughts
and prayers! Love you very much Geralyn and family 🙏❤️🙏❤️

geri shirbroun - November 15, 2022 at 10:37 PM

MH

Sorrow for your lose and my love for the family is always there with you
all the time love and prayers to all Melvin

Melvin Hoffmann - November 16, 2022 at 03:54 AM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers for you and your sons.
Love,
Loras and Marlene Hoffmann

Marlene Hoffmann - November 15, 2022 at 08:38 PM

MF

“ *Thoughts and prayers Aunt Kay, Michael and Cletus, and family. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*



Monty and Nancy Padget and family - November 15, 2022 at 04:27 PM