

Martin F. Thiel

1925 – 1998

Martin Francis Thiel, age 73 of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, August 5 at his home following a short illness.

He was born in Pigeon on July 16, 1925, the son of the late Frank F. and Theresa M. (Reilly) Thiel, and was a 1943 graduate of Pigeon High School. On September 12, 1953 he was united in marriage to Virginia M. Pankratz at Niagara Falls. She survives him.

During World War II, Mr. Thiel enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force, flying B-29 airplanes. Following his discharge as a lieutenant, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 43 years, retiring December 1, 1989. The last 20 years he served as Postmaster at Pigeon. He was very involved with many aspects of the postal service, including having been President of Area 6 of the Michigan Association of Postmasters as well as being an active member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was also an alumnus of Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois.

For several years, Mr. Thiel was a relief manager of A&P stores. He was past president of Town & Country Square Dance Club, was active with the first Boys Club of America in Pigeon, and started the first Pigeon Little League. He became a member of Scenic Golf & Country Club during its second year, and was on the Board of Directors, as well as Chairman of the Pro Shop and golf Pro.

He was Chairman of the Huron County Building authority, whose latest project was the new addition to the Huron County Health Center, and he was an original member of the Huron County E.M.T. For 28 years he served as an E.M.T. for Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He currently was a part-time employee of McCormick Motors and Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, both in Pigeon.

Mr. Thiel was a very active member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon, where he was the first Lector and a member of the finance committee. He was a Eucharistic Minister until his death, and worked on many projects at the church, the latest of which was the stained glass windows. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus West Huron Centennial Council 8042, and was treasurer of the third and fourth degree since its inception.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; two brothers, Reilly (Ruby) Thiel of Margate, Florida and Donald (Gahl) Thiel of Bay City; a sister, Mary Frances Armbruster of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

The Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8 from St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, with Fr. Dennis Kucharczyk officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The Knights of Columbus service will be 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the church as mass offerings, the Scheurer Hospital Equipment Fund, the Scenic Golf & Country Club water fountain spray project, the Knights of Columbus, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

PALLBEARERS

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