



## Robert Peter Knudson

November 6, 1929 - January 1, 2020

Mineral Point - Robert P. Knudson, age 90 of Mineral Point died on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Mineral Point Care Center. Bob and his twin brother Jim were born November 6, 1929 to Peter and Nellie (Shreve) Knudson. At age 9 his family moved to Mineral Point, where he spent the rest of his life except for 2 years spent in the Army.

In his early teens he befriended Dale Cline where he learned the electric motor business, which he bought in 1959. He served Southwest Wisconsin and Northern Illinois repairing electric motors for 35 years as Knudson Motor Service.

On May 5, 1955 he married Lois Thomas. They had two children Mark and Mary. Bob built their home beginning in 1956. In retirement he turned his skills to woodworking making many pieces of furniture and accessories.

He is survived by his wife Lois of Mineral Point, children Mark (Maria) of Rochester, New York and Mary of Mineral Point. He is further survived by special friends of the family of Reverend Herb and Louise Thompson, sisters-in-law; Joan Knudson and Twila Thomas. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws; Willie and Emily (Jones) Thomas, sisters Thelma Knudson, Dorothy (Charles) Hunter, Blanche (George) Satkoff, brothers Harry (Bernice), Elwood (Joyce), Don, Jim (Ag) Knudson, brothers-in-law, Bill (Gladys), Gordon, Robert, and Spencer Thomas.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mineral Point. Pastor Marilyn Brewer will officiate. Inurnment will be at a later date in Eastside Cemetery in Dodgeville. A visitation will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Gorgen Funeral Home in Mineral Point and on Monday from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mineral Point Rescue Squad, the Mineral Point Fire

Department, or The First United Methodist Church of Mineral Point are appreciated

# Cemetery

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## East Side Cemetery

601 E. Division Street  
Dodgeville, WI,

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**   01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Gorgen Funeral Home  
310 Ridge Street, Mineral Point, WI, US, 53565

**JAN**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First United Methodist Church  
400 Doty Street, Mineral Point, WI, US, 53565

**JAN**   **Memorial Service**   11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I remember going to Bob's Motor repair shop with my dad(Bennie Thomas) many times to drop off a motor for repair or maybe we would stop just to visit. I was pretty young then but always was impressed with Bob's knowledge of motors. Remembering once we had taken a Black and Decker drill to him to look at. It didn't take long for him to say throw that piece of junk away not worth repairing.

Reading the obituary it's a sad reminder of how many of the Thomas family are gone. I have many happy memories of the Willie Thomas farm. This where I first started earning money. Spent many, many hours on the Farmall B tractor cultivating corn or raking hay with the WD-45. As I got older Gordon and i stacked many wagon loads of hay behind my dad driving the baler tractor. Learned how to drive with uncle Willie in his Ford car through the fields. Don't remember the year but the front end was really loose and the steering wheel shock like heck. At one time Uncle Willie was paying me 10 cents for every golpher that I would shot on the farm. That wasn't much of a money maker but it was fun.

When I was old enough had a great time with Gordon and Spencer drinking tap beers in Ridgeway at the Wheel and Young bars. Miss those two very much. Gordon bought one of the first volkswagen in the area for his cow breeding service. Worked with Spence many hours getting the silos full. He was a expert at driving the chopper while I hauled wagon loads of silage to the silo to unload. Seems like Bob Thomas and Uncle Willie were always around to keep things working smoothly. I know my dad depended upon Uncle Willie for his vast knowledge of just about everything. There in nothing that he couldn't build or fix.

Thinking of you Lois, Mark and Mary.

Bruce Thomas

**Bruce Thomas** - January 05, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Peter Knudson.



January 03, 2020 at 10:32 AM