



Patrick D. Thym

December 9, 1936 - February 18, 2025

Dodgeville - Patrick D. Thym passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 after a long illness.

He was born in Dodgeville along with his twin brother, Paul, on December 9, 1936 to Mary (Owens) and Paul Thym. Pat graduated from Dodgeville High School and right after that he and his brother opened a burger and malt diner called the Huddle in 1957. He loved to cook and entertain people so he and Paul continued their dream and built The Thym's Supper Club in 1964 which continued for 45 years. There, Pat met the love of his life, Loretta, and they were married on March 10, 1969. Pat and Loretta loved to entertain guests, family, and friends at the Club and hosted several events including wedding receptions, parties of all kinds, holiday events, and Sunday Brunch. It truly was "the place to be" and people came from all over to see and be seen.

Pat had the gift of gab! You could sit for hours and listen to many interesting stories and also hear about his love of antique cars. He owned many of them years ago and would drive them in parades advertising Thym's. Pat and Loretta travelled a lot during their free time and he loved to share the stories of their adventures and reminisce about his love for Loretta and their precious time together to his grandkids. In the late 90's, Loretta suffered a severe stroke. Pat's love for her never waivered. He was her caretaker, guardian angel, and showed her sacrificial love until the very end when she died in

2009.

If there was a flea market or garage sale, you would find Pat there. He loved to collect Cardinal figurines, Western items and also Harley Davidson items which, by the way, you could always recognize him by his Harley Davidson cap, leather vest and jacket.

St. Patrick's Day was one of his favorite holidays. He always wore green with a Lucky 4-leaf clover pin and went out for corned beef and cabbage. But the best holiday memory of all was Christmas. He and mom had such beautiful decorations at Thym's as well as at their home. We had so many Christmas traditions like oyster stew, Vermicelli, a kitchen table full of desserts, fudge, and homemade wine. He loved to make rosettes and would take them to many of his friends.

Another wonderful memory was taking the grandkids fishing at Governor Dodge and going for ice cream afterwards.

He enjoyed golfing and playing cards with his buddies from Mineral Point for many years, cards at the Red Room with his friends on Friday nights, cards and Bingo after the holidays with his grandchildren while sipping on Grey Goose!

He loved to hunt Canadian Geese and pheasants. He loved going to Las Vegas with family, visiting his sister in California and brother-in-law in Antigo, and heading down to Dubuque to gamble for a day or even for an all-nighter visit. Often during his trips to Dubuque he would make a stop for mass at one of his favorite churches, St. Joseph the Worker.

With owning a supper club and being part of the Tavern League, he met many wonderful people and had many good friends he truly cared about and loved!

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 50 years.

He was the most loving and caring person and loved spending time with his family and friends. He lived his life to the fullest until the end. We will miss his smile and his jokes! Pat will surely be missed!

He is survived by his daughter Deb (Dennis) Fingerson, Dodgeville, daughter Dawn Higgins (Kurt Bennett), Dodgeville, sister Marilyn Neu, California, brother-in-law Sam Hardin, Antigo, daughter-in-law Denise Thym, Madison, sisters-in-law Mary Ellen Bowers, Montfort and Jean Prochaska, Montfort.

Grandchildren Farrah (Andy) Slinger, Waunakee, Jason (Jodi) Fingerson, Dodgeville, Carrie Higgins, Richland Center, Justin Higgins, Dodgeville, Jenny Higgins-Hermanson (Brad Hermanson) Edmund, Adam Thym, Madison, Mike (Annie) Thym, Evansville, Zach Bennett (Kelsey) Ridgeway, Calynn Bennett (Jeremy Litchfield) Dodgeville.

His great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Ben, Damien and Charlotte Slinger, Elsie and Josie Fingerson, Alfie Thym, Grace Higgins (Andrew Wolfe) Aliyah Meckley, Aysen Hermanson, Avery Higgins, Amelia and Maggie Thym, many nieces and nephews, very special friend Shirley Erickson, and Sarah Jane Thym, Janesville, and Nilda Morak, Madison.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Loretta, his son, Mitch Thym, his parents, his twin brother, Paul Thym, his sister, Mary Ann Hardin, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law John Neu, Bernard (Mary and Donna) Prohaska, Lavern (Lorraine) Prochaska, Roselyn (Bob Callin and 2nd husband Guerdon Voigts), Rita (Bob) Imhoff, Ervin Prochaska, Willard "Bud" Bowers, and great-granddaughter Olivia Higgins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLICH CHURCH in Dodgeville. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

We'd like to thank Dr. Mullin and Dr. Porter for the wonderful care they gave Pat.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Iowa County Cancer Coalition.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
405 S. Dacotah Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick D. Thym.*



February 21, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick D. Thym.

February 21, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *I worked for Pat and Paul in the 80s. Mother Mary was still working there at the time.*

Pat was so good to work for.

My deepest sympathy to all of the family that I knew and worked with.

Dan McGuigan

Dan McGuigan - February 21, 2025 at 11:33 AM

RB

“ *If you are going to live a long-life make it memorable. Pat Thym sure did!*

I first met him in the early 1980's when I was dating his niece Missy and we went to Thym's Supper Club. The joint was hopping! Packed with diners, laughter, folks enjoying wonderful food and drink. Loretta was so elegant, it was amazing to see them work the tables. They seemed to know everyone!

Years later when Loretta got sick I witnessed the strength of family and Pats deep love for Loretta as he personified in sickness and in health as he cared for her.

Over the years Missy and I would meet up with Pat and his daughter Deb who took such good care of him. Pat was an amazing storyteller and the time would fly by and we always looked forward to our next visit with them. We sometimes talked about his health and he remarked that he was ready any time the good lord wanted to take him because he missed his Loretta.

Missy and I met up with Pat and Deb for dinner in January and I told Pat he could have anything he wanted since I was buying. Being the character he was he started with dessert!

I like to think that the hereafter just got a lot more fun now that Pat and Loretta are reunited. I picture Pat and Loretta hosting a scene like the club in its heyday, full of joy, laughter, good food, drink, with good friends. Next time I'm out I'm going lift a glass of my favorite beverage to his memory and maybe take a tip from Pat and have dessert first! Cheers!

Robert Booth - February 21, 2025 at 10:49 AM

ZB

“ I had the pleasure of learning the value of a strong work ethic when I worked at Thym's Supper Club with Pat. He was always amazing to work for. He took amazing care of his employees and treated everyone like family. If it wasn't for Pat Thym, I wouldn't have some of the success I have today. Rest in Peace. My condolences go to the entire Thym family and the town of Dodgeville, who truly lost an icon.

Zack Barnett - February 20, 2025 at 11:46 PM

KR

“ Always loved chatting with Pat, such a wonderful man. My condolences to his family at this difficult time.

Kevin Rideout - February 20, 2025 at 05:47 PM

RL

“ I will truly miss Pat and his stories. When he came to my antique store with his new treasures, I would always tease him about the fact that he found more. And the Rosettes he brought me at Christmas were amazing. He always made me two plates because I wouldn't share the first plate with my husband. Every time I make his famous Thym's dip recipe I will think of his smiling face. ❤️❤️❤️

Robin Lindner - February 20, 2025 at 04:26 PM

CF

My deepest sympathy to Pat's family and his many many friends. He was such a kind person. Always acknowledged a person and made them feel so worthy. Now he's with his Loretta. 🙏

A friend
Connie Fry

Connie Fry - February 20, 2025 at 09:49 PM

DF

“ *Denise Thym and Ripp Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Patrick D. Thym.*



Denise Thym and Ripp Family - February 20, 2025 at 12:03 PM

PH

“ *This week, we lost a true icon of hospitality—a man whose influence shaped my career and the person I am today. Pat Thym leaves a legacy that lives on not just in the supper club he built but in the hearts of everyone who had the privilege of learning from him, working alongside him, and gathering at his tables.*

I cherish the fond memories of my time in the restaurant with the Thym family. Sharing those moments with them inspired me, encouraged me, and ignited my passion for the culinary arts and life.

Pat's influence profoundly shaped my approach to food, service, and the unspoken bond among those who step into a kitchen with purpose.

Philip Abbott

Philip - February 20, 2025 at 09:27 AM