



## Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson

April 29, 1943 - March 25, 2026

George William "Buddy" Thomson passed away at his home on March 25th surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with Parkinsons disease. He was born on April 29th, 1943, the son of the late George and Marie Dunbar Thomson. Buddy grew up on High Lawn Farm in Lee where he developed his love of animals and the outdoors. He attended St. Mary's school in Lee and was a 1961 graduate of Lee High School. Upon graduation he worked as a milk man for High Lawn Farm before beginning his career at the former Kimberly-Clark paper mill in Lee, where he served as Manager of Material Handling and Receiving before retiring in 2003. He enlisted in the United States Army National Guard in 1964, serving during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on March 1, 1970.

On February 13, 1965, Buddy married the love of his life, Barbara A. DiGrigoli and spent the next 61 wonderful years together raising their family.

Buddy loved the outdoors and enjoyed working in the yard, kayaking with his wife, fishing and hunting, and family golf outings. He especially looked forward to annual deer week with his close friends T-Bone, Pete, Paul, Bobby, and Chink. The crew never shot many deer, but nobody had more fun, with a lifetime of stories (all true) and memories. He was a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the Arizona Cardinals.

Above all Buddy cherished his time with his family, especially his grandchildren, his great grandson Everett, his kindred spirit who shared his heart, his many nieces and nephews, his 3 beautiful sisters Carolyn, Lillian,

and Noreen, summer vacations with our cousins the Ditomasso's, traveling with the "six pack": his beloved wife Barbara, in laws Peter and Pat DiGrigoli and Michael and Liz DiGrigoli. He enjoyed watching his sons, nephews, and grandsons play football in high school and college. He particularly loved spending time with his granddaughters Gina and his "Peanut", Elyse, becoming the official cookie taster and financier of their shopping trips. Buddy lived his life grounded in faith, kindness, and compassion and was a steadfast believer in the Lord. We take faith that he is now at peace in God's presence.

Besides his wife Barbara Thomson of Lee, he is survived by his children: Jim "Chet" Thomson of Chicopee, Lisa Kelley and her husband John, of Lee, Keith Thomson and his wife Jennifer of Lee, grandchildren: Jake (Brittany), Matty (Emma), Gabriel (Devyn), Nicholas, Gina (Alain), William, and Elyse (Matt), great grandchildren: Everett, and soon to arrive Kennedy. three sisters: Carolyn Hitchcock, Lillian Paul and Noreen Guachione, in-laws: Michael and Liz DiGrigoli and Peter and Pat DiGrigoli as well as many nieces and nephews.

The funeral for Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 11:00am at the Open Door Church in Lee. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 4-7:00pm at Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240. In lieu of flowers, donations in Buddy's memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmont Cemetery

lee, MA 01238

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home  
120 Main Street  
P.O. Box 152  
Lenox, MA 01240  
(413) 637-0699  
eroche120fh@gmail.com

## Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Open Door Church  
87 Summer Street  
Lee, MA 01238

## Burial

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Fairmont Cemetery  
lee, MA 01238



# Tribute Wall

TH

“ *My thoughts and condolences to the entire Thomson family over your loss.*

*Tim Hickey*

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**Tim Hickey** - April 03 at 07:22 AM

RM

“ *Rita M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson.*

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**Rita M.** - April 01 at 01:51 PM

NC

“ *Nicky, Jackson, and Gavin Choquette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson.*

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**Nicky, Jackson, and Gavin Choquette** - March 31 at 08:33 AM

LR

“ *Barbara and family,  
We were so sorry to hear about Buddy's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*With Sympathy,  
Bill and Lucy Roche*

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**Lucy and Bill Roche** - March 30 at 08:45 PM

PK

“ Paul, Sheila, PJ, Tony, Mike & Kerri-Ann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson.

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Paul, Sheila, PJ, Tony, Mike & Kerri-Ann - March 30 at 04:38 PM

DK

“ Barbra, Jim, Lisa, Keith and Families,

*I was deeply saddened to hear about Buddy's passing. He was such an important part of so many of my early memories, and I feel incredibly grateful to have known him.*

*Growing up, your home was always a place where I felt welcome. From all the afternoons we spent playing sports around the house to the camping trips your family so generously included me in, your dad helped create so many moments that I'll always carry with me.*

*Working with him at the paper mill meant a lot to me as well. He was my first boss, and I'll never forget the way he led—with patience, fairness, and a quiet strength that earned everyone's respect. I learned more from him than I probably ever said out loud.*

*Please know how much your dad meant to me and how much I'm thinking of all of you right now. I hope you can find some comfort in the many lives he touched and the memories he leaves behind.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
David Kohlenberger*

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David Kohlenberger - March 30 at 01:44 AM

DC

“ Dear Barb and family. Our sincerest sympathies to you all. One in a million! He will be missed May time and good memories bring you peace and acceptance.

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**Dave and Patty Carlino** - March 29 at 11:52 AM

JW

“ To the Thomson Family: We are thinking of you all at this difficult time. Buddy had so much to feel proud of. May he rest in peace. Sincerely, John and Janet Warner

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**Janet Warner** - March 29 at 06:33 AM

DW

“ David Wielgosz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson.

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**David Wielgosz** - March 28 at 01:52 PM

MC

“ God bless Barb. Am very sorry. Slip

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**Michael Cibelli** - March 28 at 01:33 PM

DD

“ To my beautiful Aunt Barb, cousins Jimmy, Lisa and Keith and your families, we share in your sorrow, your love and celebration of a true family man, who always showed his love and respect to all of us. So many great memories, filled with laughs. Uncle Buddy will be so missed and never forgotten.

Love you all,

"the Nooskie" (nicknamed by your Dad) and my family, Troy, Ava and Melo

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**DENISE DIGRIGOLI** - March 28 at 12:21 PM

DD

“ DENISE DIGRIGOLI lit a candle in memory of Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson



DENISE DIGRIGOLI - March 28 at 12:18 PM

DD

“ This is such a beautiful obituary, so fitting for Uncle Buddy. I've spent so many fun times with him throughout my entire life and even all the years that I lived in Florida when he came down to visit me with Barb!He was a family man true and true. My deepest condolences.



Donna DiGrigoli - March 28 at 10:03 AM

PH

“ Barb, Jim, Lisa, Keith and Family, Carolyn ,Lillian and Noreen. I have very good memories of Buddy and all of you when growing up on Robert St. My thoughts and prays are with you all. Peter Hayden Concord NH

Peter Hayden - March 28 at 09:23 AM

ST

“ I remember so many good times with my cousin Buddy and his sisters.Rest in peace Bud. You certainly where very special. Prayers for Buddy's entire extended family. From your cousin Sandra (Mickey) Thomson.

Sandra ThomsonsI@yahoo.com - March 27 at 07:45 PM

LB

“ *Lisa B lit a candle in memory of Mr. George W. "Buddy" Thomson*



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**Lisa B** - March 27 at 04:45 PM