



William "Bill" Thorne

February 4, 1932 - December 14, 2015

William Henry Thorne, age 84, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away early Monday morning, December 14, 2015 at War Memorial Hospital. Bill was born on February 4, 1932 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late Edward and Henrietta (Thompson) Thorne. He graduated from Sault Area High School with the class of 1950. Later he continued his education, receiving a Bachelor's Degree from Lake Superior State University in 1996. Bill was best known as a radio broadcaster. He worked in radio over 68 years and met many famous people including: Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, President Richard Nixon and many more. Bill was also given many awards over the years. Some of which were from the American Broadcasting Association, Mr. DeeJay USA in Nashville, TN on July 26, 1959 at the Grand Ole Opry, and the Lighthouse 2002 award from LSSU in recognition of past and continued support for the university. Bill had one of the longest running radio programs in "Hymn Time", airing from 1957 until present. Bill enjoyed going to local hockey games and following the Red Wings. He loved listening to his brother-in-law: Bill Crawford, as the "Voice of the Lakers". He was a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, Salvation Army, and a past member of both the Rotary Club and the Elks Club. Bill is survived by his wife: Constance (Crawford) Thorne, whom he married on February 17, 1968 at First Baptist Church in Sault Ste. Marie, MI; four sons: Daniel (Kris) Thorne, Edward (Mike Wendlowsky) Thorne, and John (Marcey) Thorne all of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and Steve Hollingsworth of Tucson, AZ; four grandchildren:

Julie (Wally) Bazinau, Rebecca (Jordan) Veit, Chelsey Thorne, and Harrison Thorne; five great grandchildren: Taylor Pitko and Grace, Eden, Elijah, and Josie Veit; and several nieces. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his sister: Shirley (Charlie) Williams. A visitation will be held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the funeral home with Pastor Rod Case officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Entombment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the War Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Center in Bill's name.

Tribute Wall

GF

“ I grew up listening to and learning to love Country Music because of Bill Thorne. His WSOO radio program was a treat and his knowledge of the music was endless. Listening to his voice so full of compassion on "Hymn Time" was comforting and the religious music he played was so fulfilling that it strengthened our faith. Thank you, Bill, for giving so much of yourself and for giving us some of your precious time on earth. Rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

Gary Freedman - December 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Uncle Bill, you are gone to soon from Earth. Glad you are out of pain and hope you are having a party in Heaven with Grandma Shirley, Grandpa Charlie, Rebecca, and great grandma and great grandpa thorne. Love and miss you!

Sara, Ken, Kennedy and Hadley - December 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ BILL WAS THE NICEST PERSON I HAVE EVER KNOWN. HE WENT WITH ME WHEN I BOUGHT MY FIRST CAR. I REMEMBER HIM FROM THE PULLAR DANCES. ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND ALWAYS HAD A KIND WORD TO SAY. I WILL MISS HIM GREATLY. REST IN PEACE, BILL.

Dolores Carter - December 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WR

“*Connie, Dan, Eddy, Johnny and Steve, I am wishing you all of the comfort you need from the Lord Our Almighty Creator and all the host in heaven waiting for Bill. Uncle Bill was a very intelligent man with the Broadcast Business he was in. I know he was a great husband father, grandfather, great grandfather. I remember the day that Bill, his mother Henrietta, Carole, his neice and myself and the day we went down to Cederville and it had rained and he saw frogs and toads jumming in the road, so he stop the car and got out and tried to catch frogs or toads. His mother laugh so hard that she thought he was out of it. May I give you me sincere sympathy and may the Lord give you all the strength through this very hard time.*

Wayne R. Ranzenberger - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“*Uncle Bill YOU WILL Always Be In My Heart AND When I Look Up YOU WILL Always SEE A Smile On My Face LOVE Samantha*

Samantha Perry - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“*My deepest sympathy to the Family of Bill Thorne. Bill was a good man and set an excellent example for everyone who was blessed to know him. He will be missed. Sending prayers to the family members for comfort and peace. I hope that knowing that Bill was known and loved by so many will help ease your pain as you know many share your loss. God Speed Bill.*

John J. Jobes - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Bill was a wonderful individual and a friend to our Family for many years. We were so sorry to hear of his passing. Our sincere wishes go to his family in this very sad time... He will always be remembered and bring a smile when we remember his many qualities and love he gave to all.

Joyce House and the entire Lenon Family - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Aunt Connie, Dan, Kris, Eddie, Mike, John and Marcey, Our deepest sympathies to the loss of Uncle Bill. He should in his words and actions of what a truly beautiful Christian he was. We extend our love and strength to you all during this very difficult time. May you find peace knowing Uncle Bill is truly walking with the Lord. Our love and support, Heidi, Dennis and Makayla.

Heidi, Dennis and Makayla Westfall - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dear Connie & Family, My prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time. Your family has been an inspiration. May God Bless all of you and may you find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories, and all the good times. My deepest sympathies, Sandy Gaus

Sandy Gaus - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM