



Russell Thompson

January 30, 1920 - January 1, 2005

MANTENO -- Russell A. Thompson, 84, of Manteno, died Saturday (Jan. 1, 2005) at the Miller Center in Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, with a 7 p.m. prayer service by Rev. Robert Rucker, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno, where services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Rev. Derek Morrison will officiate. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Manteno. Mr. Thompson was a retired retail lumber dealer, real estate broker and land developer. He also was active in his community, serving eight years as village trustee, 34 years as a County Board member of District 2 and three years as County Board Chairman. He was born Jan. 30, 1920, in Manteno, the son of Sidney and Alma Thompson. His first wife, June, died in August 1986. Surviving are his wife, Jeanette; two daughters, Nancy Thompson and Christine Thompson; one son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Gina Thompson; two granddaughters, Nicole and Kayla; one brother, Graydon Thompson of Bradenton, Fla.; two nephews, Robert and Richard of Florida; and one niece, Crystal Diepeveen of Bourbonnais. One daughter, Jody, died in March 1954. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater, Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. He was discharged Dec. 5, 1945. He was a past president of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce and past commander of the Manteno American Legion Post 755. He was a member of Moose Lodge 802 and a former member of Elks Lodge 627, Kankakee.

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“ Chris,

My parents sent me your father's obituary. I am very sorry to learn of your loss. I remember the last time I saw you was at your mother's wake.

Please know that I am thinking of you and your family and you are in my prayers.

Caroline (Brandt) Davis Class of 75##imported-begin##Caroline Davis##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our sincere Sympathy. We are sorry we are unable to be there to express them in person.

Russ was quite a White Sox fan and anytime we saw each other we solved all of their problems, being a fan also. He led a full life and helped the community very much.##imported-begin##Don & Rose Smith##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Franklin and Anna Weber##imported-end##

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“ I first met Russ while working for Meece Engineering in the early 70's. Russ was a then a Manteno developer and client. When Howard Schwark, former County Superintendent of Highways (now County Engineer) retired, Russ approached me about applying for the job. He was the last surviving member of the search team that hired me...he, along with Roy West and Walter "Bud" O'Connor. Russ was a good supporter of mine throughout my private and public career. You had to be at your best to keep pace with Mr. Thompson. He expected your best and he got it...or else! Fondly remembered...he will forever hold a prominent place in my memory.##imported-begin##Jim Piekarczyk, County Engineer##imported-end##

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“ Jean and family - Am sorry to hear about Russ's passing. ĩ½Did not realize he was in Millers. ĩ½Knew he hadn't been well over the past couple years. ĩ½Just want to send our sympathies to you and the family. ĩ½He did a lot for the county and community and will be missed.##imported-begin##Gary & Sue Hoskins##imported-end##

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“ As a long time neighbor and friend Russ always took time to say hello. ĩ½Russ was a kind man who cared deeply for people in all walks of life. ĩ½May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jeff Cavender##imported-end##

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