



Richard H. Thut

August 4, 1943 - March 6, 2019

Richard H. Thut, age 75, of Orrville, died Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in the Apostolic Christian Home near Rittman, following a short period of declining health.

He was born on August 4, 1943, in Wooster, to the late Harold and Louella (Miller) Thut, graduated from Smithville High School in 1961, and attended R.G. LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. He married Shirley I. Pifer on April 10, 1965, in Wadsworth.

He founded MIRK Inc. in 1972 with just one truck, and over the course of the next 47 years expanded the company beyond Orrville to other locations. Over the years MIRK expanded from the original bucket trucks to deal in digger trucks, cranes, aerial man lifts and numerous other tools utilized by the utility and construction industries. From the beginning, he felt it was important to include his family in the business. When deciding on a name for his fledgling business, he and his wife created the word MIRK by using one letter from each of the names of his then-family of four: M for Michael, I for Shirley's middle name Irene, R for Richard, and K for Kimberly. His son, Mark was born later and his name used most of the letters of MIRK.

He grew up on a dairy farm in northern Green Township. He remained involved in the family farm for years, even as he delved into buying and selling utility trucks across the country. He was a member of Augsburg Lutheran Church in Orrville, where he enjoyed listening to his wife play in the bell choir.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Shirley, are his daughter, Kimberly (Darryl) Rogers of Bexley, Ohio; two sons, Michael (Kathy) Thut of Orrville, and Mark (Kathy) Thut of Wooster; 10 grandchildren, Sarah and Andrew Rogers, Katelyn, Chase, Brock, Lauryn, Kirstyn, Grady, Hailey, and Evan Thut; siblings, Gwen (Mahlon) Schmucker of Wooster, Timothy (Margaret) Thut of Goshen, Ind., and Kay (Ray) Nussbaum of Salem, Ore.; and foster sister-in-law, Beverly Plessinger of Wooster.

He was preceded in death by a foster brother, Victor Plessinger.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. March 23 at Augsburg Lutheran Church, 140 West Water Street, Orrville, with Pastor John Furno officiating.

The family will receive friends at a reception following the service at the church.

Burial previously took place at Smithville Cemetery.

Auble Funeral Home in Orrville is assisting the family with arrangements. Online registry and expressions of condolence may be made at the funeral home's web site at www.aublefuneralhome.com.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Apostolic Christian Home for the love and care extended to Richard in his last weeks.

Memorials may be made to the music fund at Augsburg Lutheran Church 140 W. Water St. Orrville, OH, 44667, Habitat For Humanity, 6096 E. Lincoln Way, Wooster, OH, 44691 or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH, 44110.

Cemetery

Smithville Cemetery

Akron Road

Smithville, OH, 44677

Events

MAR **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Augsburg Lutheran Church

140 W. Water St., Orrville, OH, US, 44667

Comments



“ Bruce & Phyllis Lykins family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Richard H. Thut.



Bruce & Phyllis Lykins family - March 21 at 08:35 PM



“ 99 files added to the album LifeTributes



Auble Funeral Home - March 21 at 09:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard H. Thut.



March 20 at 02:00 PM



“ Our sincerest sympathy goes out to the entire Thut family. Richard was such a fine man and will be missed by many. Our family will always treasure the pleasant memories of times our two families spent together. May he Rest In Peace and may all family and friends find strength and comfort knowing he is no longer suffering.



Mike and Berta Bockey - March 14 at 11:27 PM



“ Condux-Tesmec Inc. lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Thut



Condux-Tesmec Inc. - March 13 at 02:51 PM



“ We send our thoughts and prayers your way and you have our deepest condolences. A donation has been made to the Habitat For Humanity in Richard's honor. Rest in peace.

Condux-Tesmec Inc. - March 13 at 02:55 PM



“ Condux Tesmec Inc. lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Thut



Condux Tesmec Inc. - March 13 at 02:50 PM



“ JJ KANE AUCTIONEERS purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Richard H. Thut.



JJ KANE AUCTIONEERS - March 12 at 04:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard H. Thut.



March 12 at 08:09 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Richard's passing. As a high school classmate, I am really proud at how successful Richard was in his lifetime. I offer my sympathies to his family and hope the sadness experienced now soon turns to great memories and happy thoughts. Well done, Richard, well done.
Don Rickett (Class of 1961)

Don Rickett - March 11 at 10:37 AM



“ Prayers for comfort to Richard's family.
Julie Leathers Stahl

Julie Leathers Stahl - March 11 at 08:48 AM



“ Dear Mike and family,

So saddened to hear of your father's passing. I was interested to read that your dad went to R.G. LeTourneau University; I met R.G. once when he spoke at our church when I was a teenager in Dover, OH. , a loooong time ago! I'm sure your father must have caught some of R.G.'s infectious enthusiasm for large earth-moving equipment as well as his love for the Lord.

May you be comforted by good memories of enjoyable family times as you gather together to mourn his loss. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Beverly (and Phil) Maasz

Beverly Maasz - March 11 at 12:46 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard H. Thut.



March 09 at 09:15 PM



“ We send our sincere sympathy for the loss of Richard,husband,father,grandfather,friend and employer. Rest In Peace.
Paul & Elaine Lehman

Elaine Lehman - March 09 at 04:04 PM



“ Condolences to the Thut Family. Fly high with the Angels, Richard.
Howard and Donna Frase

Donna Frase - March 09 at 11:37 AM



“ Joy L Becker lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Thut



joy l becker - March 09 at 10:11 AM



“ To Richard's Family and Friends, Our deepest sympathies go out to you. May God, and the many good memories, sustain you; now and also in the future.. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your families. Sincere condolences from Art Beerys, Smithville, Ohio



The Beerys - March 09 at 08:02 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Richard H. Thut.



March 08 at 11:34 PM



“ Kim, My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.



Donna Jean Smith - March 08 at 08:36 PM