



## Gary W. Thiems

October 19, 1939 - October 13, 2016

Gary W. Thiems, age 76 of Edwardsville, IL, died Thursday, October 13, 2016, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Thursday, October 19, 1939, in Highland, IL, the son of Walter W. and Anita A. (nee Plocher) Thiems.

On Saturday, September 16, 1961, he married Diann J. (nee Broniec) Thiems at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, who survives in Edwardsville, IL.

He was also a member of Carpenter Local - St. Louis, MO. He was a former member of Moose Lodge.

Gary was born and grew up in Highland, IL. He was a 1957 Highland High School graduate. He attended Carpenter's School. He made Edwardsville, IL home in 1969. He worked for John Kraus, Cannon Construction, and started Thiems' Construction in 1972 in Edwardsville and now in Roxanna, IL. They build roads, bridges and commercial construction. He was still active in the business. In 1992, he developed 18 hole Fox Creek Golf Course and Fox Creek Estates (a large residential subdivision). He enjoyed boating on Table Rock Lake, winter in Florida at Marco Island and riding motorcycles. When he was young his hobbies were golfing, fishing and camping.

Survivors include:

Wife - Diann J. Thiems, nee Broniec, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Terry L. (Dee) Thiems, Edwardsville, IL

Son - Tad W. (Significant Other - Justina Carroll) Thiems, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Tara N. Thiems, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Taylor L. Thiems, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Tanya M. Thiems, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Tianna J. "Tia" Thiems, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchild - Tad W. "T.J." Thiems, Jr., Edwardsville, IL

Sister - Rita C. (Dale) Rinderer, Trenton, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Walter W. Thiems Died 5/15/1989

Mother - Anita A. Thiems, nee Plocher Died 8/28/1991

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 17, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL., with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, pastor, Highland, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children.



# Previous Events

## Evening Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Morning Visitation

OCT 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
2520 Poplar Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-7459

## Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
2520 Poplar Street  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-7459

# Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary W. Thiems*



---

**Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home** - October 17, 2016 at 12:05 PM

RR

“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Thiems*



---

**Rita Rinderer** - November 30, 2016 at 03:37 PM

RR

“ *I WILL MISS MY BROTHER DEEPLY AND ALWAYS . HE WAS THE BEST BROTHER ON EARTH AND WILL BE THE BEST ONE WHEN WE MEET AGAIN. HE WAS THE BEST MAN, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE ,BOSS, AND FRIEND A PERSON COULD EVER HAVE AND KNOW. WE HAD SO MANY GOOD TIMES TOGETHER GROWING UP AND GOLFING AND TRIPPING AND JUST SPENDING TIME TOGETHER. HE WAS THE BEST BROTHER I COULD HAVE EVER HAD AND I TOLD HIM SO WHEN I HAD TO SAY GOODBYE TO HIM. REST IN PEACE BROTHER*

---

**RITA RINDERER** - October 21, 2016 at 03:44 PM

L6

“ *Laborers' Local 670 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary W. Thiems.*



---

**Laborers' Local 670** - October 18, 2016 at 07:31 AM

JS

“ *Gary was a very special man enjoyed working with him as my customer and being his customer when Gary built two Fabick stores. Some people you meet in life make a very special impression Gary was certainly in that place.*

*Our sympathies to all the family*

*John & Jeanne Schrader*

---

**john Schrader** - October 17, 2016 at 07:19 PM

RM

“ *Rachelle M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gary W. Thiems.*



---

**Rachelle M.** - October 17, 2016 at 06:04 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home - October 17, 2016 at 12:03 PM

GS

“ We are very sorry for your loss.

*Gerry Sparrow*

Gerry Sparrow - October 17, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary W. Thiems.



October 17, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ Love Eileen and Jeff Fisher purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary W. Thiems.



---

**Love Eileen and Jeff Fisher** - October 16, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary W. Thiems.



---

October 16, 2016 at 05:02 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary W. Thiems.



---

October 14, 2016 at 04:41 PM