



## Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann

May 13, 1929 - January 6, 2014

Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann, age 84 of Highland, IL, died Monday, January 06, 2014, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Monday, May 13, 1929, in Germantown, IL, the son of Leo and Leona (nee Hagen) Thuenemann.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1955, he married Pauline C. Thuenemann (nee Frohn) who survives .

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL; Knights of Columbus Council #1580-Highland, IL (Past Grand Knight); Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly #0231-Highland, IL; Teamster Local-St. Louis, MO.

Born and reared at Germantown, IL. He worked construction and later drafted into the US Army 01/21/1955 - 01/18/1957. After the service he and his wife moved to Highland and he started working on the docks for Bellm Freight, retiring in 1993. He was very involved with the Knights of Columbus. He sang with the Knight-Time Singers, was in charge of the Chicken and Beer Dances, fish fries for many years and chairman of the golf tournament. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing cards, dancing and travelling (several times a year). One trip was to Rome where he and his wife had an audience with the Pope.

Survivors include:

Wife - Pauline C. Thuenemann, Highland, IL

Son - Alan S. (Lori) Thuenemann, Highland, IL

Daughter - Vicky L. (Edgar) Zurliene, Greenwood, MO

Son - Kurt V. (Charlotte) Thuenemann, Prairie Village, KS

Son - Kevin A. (Dawn) Thuenemann, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Joshua A. (Rachel) Thuenemann, Lees Summit, MO

Grandchild - Jared A. (Gabby) Thuenemann, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Ashley L. (Sanford) Queen, Olathe, KS

Grandchild - Kahla R. Zurliene, Lees Summit, MO

Grandchild - Sophia N. Thuenemann, Prairie Village, KS

Grandchild - Sabrina C. Thuenemann, Prairie Village, KS

Grandchild - Eleanor G. Thuenemann, Prairie Village, KS

Grandchild - Ashley R. Marti, Lebanon, IL

Grandchild - Mariah L. Thuenemann, Highland, IL

Great Grandchild - Olivia G. Thuenemann, Lees Summit, MO

Great Grandchild - Brynn E. Thuenemann, Lees Summit, MO

Great Grandchild - Austin A. Queen, Olathe, KS

Great Grandchild - Harper N. Queen, Olathe, KS

Anticipated Great Grandchild- Brayden E.V. Zurliene, Lees Summit, MO

Sister - Estelle Kniepman, St. Louis, MO

Sister - Janet Koopmann, Belleville, IL

Sister - Carol (Francis "Buck") Robbin, Highland, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Leo Thuenemann

Mother - Leona Thuenemann (nee Hagen)

Sister - Lucille Chisholm

Sister - Rita Hegger

Sister - Virginia Thuenemann (at age 3)

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 09, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, on Friday, January 10, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 10, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Father Paul Kala, Parochial Vicar, St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Glen Carbon, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation or Highland Knights of Columbus.

# Tribute Wall



“ Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ One of my Dad's best buddies. I am sure they are having a great time in heaven. I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort for Pauline and all the family.

Sincerely,  
Karen Meyer Knowles

Karen Meyer Knowles - January 15, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KH

“ Kayla H. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann.



Kayla H. - January 09, 2014 at 12:32 PM

JC

“ Our sincerest sympathies to the Thuenemann family on your loss. In lieu of flowers, we are contributing to the Alzheimer's Foundation in the honor and memory of Vincent "Van" Thuenemann.

*John and Deborah Chipman  
Chipman Design Architecture*

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**John A. Chipman** - January 09, 2014 at 12:08 PM

JM

“ Jay and Jonah Miranda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann.



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**Jay and Jonah Miranda** - January 09, 2014 at 11:42 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann.



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January 09, 2014 at 06:25 AM

JA

“ Jeff, Aubrey, Michael and Amy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann.



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**Jeff, Aubrey, Michael and Amy** - January 08, 2014 at 05:43 PM

JB

“ *My condolence to the Thuenemann Family I knew Van from 1964 when we worked at Bellm Van. He was a great guy. Jim Taylor*

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**James B. Taylor** - January 08, 2014 at 10:03 AM

AQ

“ *39 files added to the album Memories*



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**Ashley Queen** - January 08, 2014 at 12:01 AM

AQ

“ *Early Monday morning I found out that my dear sweet Grandpa had passed away.*

*There was never a better man to show me that men can be gentlemen. He was a kind quiet man of very few words.*

*I will never forget watching him carefully comb his hair just so. Same way every time & the smell of the Consort for Men hairspray he used to finish his signature look. Gentlemen.*

*All the nights I have stayed over my life and Grandpa never once forgot to give his beautiful bride a kiss goodnight. Gentleman.*

*I have never heard him utter an unkind word about anyone. Always willing to help even when he couldn't anymore. Gentleman.*

*Picking me up from school, bubblegum ice cream, watching westerns when I was sick, to always work hard and how powerful love can last a lifetime. My Grandpa.*

*My heart is heavy & my eyes are swollen as I try to find a way to say goodbye to one of the greatest examples of a gentleman I have ever known. A man with a heart of gold...my Grandpa.*

*When we got the call he passed my husband said we need to pray for him for his soul. I assured him that it was not necessary. He has built a fine house in Heaven and God has taken him home.*

*I love you Grandpa. I will never forget the great man you were and will always be to those who knew you. You will never be forgotten.*

*Love you always,  
Ashley Queen*

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Ashley Queen - January 07, 2014 at 11:43 PM



*Great Ashley a Wonderful tribute to your Grandpa.*

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**Deb Wiess** - January 08, 2014 at 11:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Vincent B. "Van" Thuenemann.*



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January 07, 2014 at 02:09 PM