



Michael Thonen

January 5, 1950 - February 20, 2026

Michael Thonen, age 76, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away on February 20, 2026. He was born on January 5, 1950, in Holton, Kansas, to Roy and Helen Grannell Thonen, the youngest of four children.

After he graduated from Whiting High School in 1968, Michael served his country for the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He went on to work for 41 years at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Topeka. Michael married his wife, Connie on May 17, 1974, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Horton, Kansas.

Michael, his wife, Connie, and their two children, Jill and Casey, resided in Whiting, Kansas for 27 years. While in Whiting, Michael enjoyed working on his parents' farm. In 2001, they moved to Topeka to be closer to their jobs.

After retiring from Goodyear in 2010, Michael found joy working in his shop where he spent countless hours working on wood projects and tending to his yard and garden. His love for the outdoors was matched only by his devotion to his family.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Neita Douglas, and a brother, Ronald Thonen.

Michael is survived by his wife, Connie Schuetz Thonen; their dog, Max; daughter, Jill Johnson, of Fate, Texas; son, Casey Thonen, of Topeka; grandson, Jace Johnson, of Fate, Texas; brother, Kenneth "KDon" Thonen, of Topeka; and several nieces and nephews.

Michael will be remembered for his love of Ford pickups, John Wayne movies, his John Deere toy collection, and his enduring love for the outdoors and family.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, February 27, 2026, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 26th Street, Topeka KS 66618. Committal service will be at 1 p.m. at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Michael's family encourages everyone to wear casual attire to honor how casual Michael dressed in his everyday life.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society or Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Committal Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Calvary Cemetery
801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Thonen



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 23 at 04:51 PM

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To Connie and family: Love lasts forever, We remember you kids so well and our hearts feel so bad for you and your family. Time may heal the current pain but "love lasts forever". Beverly and Deryl Wilson

Deryl and Bev Wilson - March 04 at 05:57 PM

ML

“ To all Michael's family, my sincere condolences on your loss. I was a co-worker of Mike's at Goodyear for decades, enjoyed working around him. Godspeed

Michael Thomas LaFontaine - February 25 at 08:34 AM

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“ Love your Frito Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael Thonen.



Love your Frito Family - February 23 at 09:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Thonen.



February 23 at 09:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Thonen.

February 23 at 09:09 PM



“ The Archer Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Thonen.



The Archer Family - February 23 at 09:06 PM



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