



## Mr. Jack W. Thompson

February 18, 1935 - February 1, 2016

Jack Wilson (Popo) Thompson, 80, of Birmingham, MI passed away on February 1, 2016 in Naples, FL.

Jack is survived by his patient and adored wife of 60 years, Rosalyn. He is also survived by his sister Judy (Vic) Edwards, his children Kimberly (Bill) Sedam, Angela (Mike) Jarnagin, and Melanie (Steve) Philipp. He will also be greatly missed by his five grandchildren: Kathryn and Kelly Lund, M. Ryan Jarnagin, Rachel (Eric) Hoisington (and future great grandchild), Jack Philipp, and two nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Bernice and Ralph Thompson.

Jack, or Popo as his family has called him since the early 1980's, was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana on February 18, 1935. Growing up, he loved his summers on Lake Wawasee with his grandfather, J.W. Mull. He graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1953 and always said that he cried the day he got there and the day he left. Jack went on to earn degrees in Economics and Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1957. Jack had a successful professional career where he traveled the globe. He retired at the age of 42, from the position of Vice President of European Joint Ventures at N.A. Woodworth Company. He then became an accomplished entrepreneur. Jack loved spending time and being involved with his family. Jack enjoyed spending his summers in Northern Michigan where he had a home on Lake Michigan and his boat "Ramblin' Rose." He also loved classical music, reading, and the outdoors. He was an accomplished fisherman, hunter, and

skeet shooter. He was the go-to person in his family for questions or advice on anything imaginable. His thirst for knowledge and impressive comprehension was with him until the end. Jack was active on various boards including serving as President for over twenty years of St. Thomas, Pelican Bay, Naples. He also enjoyed volunteering for organizations such as the Collier County Humane Society and Collier Harvest.

A family memorial will be held. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton, Indiana. Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home of Bluffton, Indiana will be handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in honor of his daughter Angela to Jack Thompson Memorial Fund, National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Michigan Chapter, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076 or (<http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/JWT>). He will remain in our hearts forever.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Private Family Service

FEB 7 (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jack W. Thompson*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I KNEW MR. THOMPSON AND HIS FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS AS VALUED CUSTOMERS, I ENJOYED HIS VISITS TO DO BUSINESS AND CHAT, IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO HAVE KNOWN MR. THOMPSON, A GENTLEMAN.*

*BILL MARTIN-APRIL 19, 2016*

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**bill martin** - April 19, 2016 at 09:56 AM



“ *I have been thinking of Jack this week and now I know why. This very special man had a way of tickling our funny bones in a way all his own. He and my Dad had a close bond and Jack was a willing participant in the fullness of life.....not just the easy stuff...He was there when Dad was declining and never failed to bring a smile to his face. We all gained from his presence and will continue to enjoy our memories of time spent together.*

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**marcy piersol** - March 11, 2016 at 12:54 AM

JT

“ Jerry Coleman and your TGCS team. purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Mr. Jack W. Thompson.



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**Jerry Coleman and your TGCS team.** - February 05, 2016 at 03:52 PM

ED

“ Prayers to the whole family and to Jack as he know looks down from Gods side and smiles at you all.

*Ed Douglas TGCS*

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**Ed Douglas** - February 05, 2016 at 03:25 PM

MK

“ Jack contributed to my professional development in many ways and on more than one occasion. I will miss and always remember him.

*Max Kime*

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**Max Kime** - February 05, 2016 at 09:56 AM

MP

“ I am a friend of his granddaughter Katie, the abundance of love she has for her grandparents is evident when she speaks of them her entire face lights up! I am sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will always be with you.

Love your knitting buddy,  
Maria❤️❤️

I would like to mention, because I almost missed Mr. Thompson's wishes.

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**Maria Penn** - February 04, 2016 at 12:55 PM

JM

“ As Jack's Realtor for a number of years, we had many interesting discussions. He always called my wife before election time to get her insight on local candidates. He didn't want to do anything and be uninformed. You will be missed Jack. And to Angelia and Mike, I hope you have comfort in all the good memories your dad must have left you.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Dianne McKeon

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**Jerry McKeon** - February 04, 2016 at 10:28 AM

AN

*Thank you Jerry. Hard to imagine a world with out him.*

*Angela*

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**Angela** - February 04, 2016 at 08:43 PM

BG

“ *Bill Glover lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack W. Thompson*



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**Bill Glover** - February 04, 2016 at 10:24 AM

“ In 2005, Mr Thompson contacted us regarding a flier left at his doorstep for lawn care and snow removal services. In his words, "we have two commercial properties [apartments] and a home - and they're all yours if you want them." Thus started a business relationship that eventually would evolve into a friendship. It became clear that his expectations were high - very high, but reasonable. Yet, this became an opportunity to prove our business was capable of delivering on that level. It took determination and hard work of earning his good favor. However, given that he was a very fair man it was a reachable goal.

Over the years he would come outside his home with his dog and take the time to shoot the breeze during our lawn service operations. Whether the conversation was business oriented or casual, his insights on life were captivating and interesting. Eventually, I found myself contacting him for counsel on business decisions. In 2008, we were on the fence of whether to buy a home or to continue renting. Jack said, "now is the time to buy, Mr Glover." Given my trust in his business acumen we proceeded with following his counsel - without any hesitation. Eight years later I continue being grateful for the home we enjoy - much thanks to Mr. Thompson's encouraging words!.

Another observation was the time we arrived to cut his grass and noticed an anniversary gift he attached to the door for honoring his wife. It was nice to see this warm and personable side of him and it seemed to be symbolic of a man who esteems marriage and relationships. Dovetailing off of this, Jack discerned from one of my communications a possible rift with my wife. In response he replied, "it sounds like it's time to kiss and make-up." Though this is not what I wished to hear initially - it was wise and timely counsel that needed to be said - and that he did thank the Lord. Years later he asked me to remove an overgrown flowering shrub from his property, As the saying goes, "one man's garbage is another man's treasure," so I took it home and installed it in our heart-shaped "anniversary garden." Today, we fondly refer to it as the "kiss and

*make up" shrub!*

*Perhaps the most familiar adage I recall from our email and telephone conversations was near the end of a typical conversation he would end with "carry on, Mr Glover." These words had deep meaning. They demonstrated trust and his approval. I would presume if I had had the privilege of a final conversation with him he would have finished it with those same words - "carry on,,,,," I find great comfort in that in spite of the great loss of a friend and the best customer I've ever known. Bill*

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**Bill Glover** - February 04, 2016 at 10:23 AM

BG

“ *Bill Glover sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jack W. Thompson*



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**Bill Glover** - February 04, 2016 at 09:09 AM

JE

“ *Judy & Vic Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack W. Thompson*



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**Judy & Vic Edwards** - February 03, 2016 at 06:29 PM