



## Darien E. Thomsen

January 16, 1926 - October 2, 2020

Darien Eugene Thomsen was born January 16, 1926 to Emil & Dora (Christensen) Thomsen on the family farm 3 miles west of Cordova, Nebraska. He passed away on October 2, 2020 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 94 years, 8 months, and 17 days.

Darien was baptized April 11, 1926 at the Danish Lutheran Church in Cordova. He grew up on farms in York & Fillmore County through the 8th grade. He attended high school in Exeter and graduated in 1943.

Darien worked at various jobs after graduation including driving a truck working wheat harvest, at the Burlington railroad yard in Lincoln, Nebraska and at the Fairmont Airbase.

He was united in marriage to Betty Sluka on January 30, 1949 at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran parsonage in Geneva with the Rev. D. Grummert officiating. Because of the extreme snow that winter, only four people could attend the wedding.

Darien then started farming and lived on the same farm until he moved to Heritage in 2012. He was proud of the work he did on his own to improve the farm through the years.

Darien liked people. He liked to tease and always had a joke or a puzzle to have you try to figure out. In his younger years, he liked to hunt and fish. He also liked to do wood working and making things for people. He enjoyed travelling and visiting family. After the children were grown, he and Betty travelled many winters to Arizona to visit two of his uncles and aunts who spent winters there.

He and Betty liked to entertain too. Besides holidays with family, there were many card parties with friends. In the early years, everyone had children at home so there were usually more kids than adults at these parties. The kids would play together or play the card game, spoons. What a noisy bunch.

Since no one could attend their wedding on account of snow, they had a big celebration on their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary. Their 50th anniversary was on a particularly warm day.

Darien loved to go to garage sales and auctions, and he had many collections. More than anything else, he loved his family and friends. He always enjoyed visits with his grandchildren and in the later years his great grandchildren.

Darien's family said he was like a cat with 9 lives because he had some close calls through the years. The 9 passed by, they knew he was a man with a lot of experiences that kept his guardian angel busy.

Darien was a member of the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Dwaine Thomsen; wife Betty Thomsen; son Steven Thomsen; daughter Gayla Probasco; granddaughter Kari Probasco; and brothers-in-law Paul Bulwan and Irvin

Sluka.

He is survived by his son Gene & Connie Thomsen of Lincoln, Nebraska; son-in-law George Probasco of Arapahoe, Nebraska; sister Dolores Bulwan of York, Nebraska; sister-in-law Olga Sluka of Geneva, Nebraska; grandchildren Todd & Heather Probasco of Fairmont, Nebraska, Ryan & Lindsay Probasco of Broomfield, Colorado, Erin & August Portz of Appleton, Wisconsin, Jennifer Thomsen of Omaha, Nebraska, Jason & Laura Thomsen of Lincoln, Nebraska; great grandchildren Grace, Tripp, & Daniel Probasco of Fairmont, Nebraska, Aynslea & Delaney Portz of Appleton, Wisconsin, Avery, Brooke, Haley, & Blake Thomsen of Lincoln, Nebraska, Harper Probasco of Broomfield, Colorado; and nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

A Funeral Service for Darien was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska. Pastor Seungli You officiated the service. Nancy Jo Galusha accompanied Mic Goc who sang "Where No One Stands Alone" and "The Narrow Trail."

Pallbearers for the service included Jason Thomsen, Roy Bulwan, August Portz, Jeff Thomsen, Todd Probasco and Ryan Probasco.

Interment was held in the Greenwood Cemetery, York, Nebraska at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont Community Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fairmont Community Church  
705 F Street  
Fairmont, NE 68354

## Graveside Service

OCT 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery  
1000 W 8th Street  
York, NE 68467

# Tribute Wall



“ *Farmer & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darien E. Thomsen*



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - October 02, 2020 at 12:19 PM



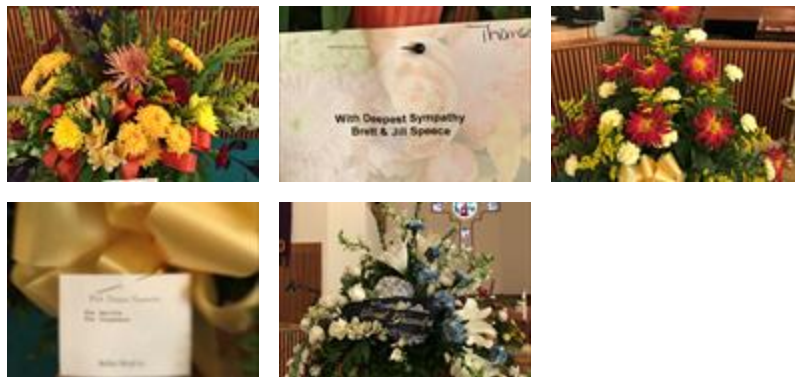
“ *To Darien's Family,  
I wish to express my deepest sympathies to you. Darien was a good friend and I will miss our visits. Prayers and peace to you,  
Rex W. Brown*

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**Leanne** - October 10, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *23 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - October 06, 2020 at 04:16 PM

LB

“ We are so glad that we got to take mom (Edith Chapman) to visit with Darien on our last trip to NE in 2019. He and Betty and my mom and dad have been friends since the early card party days that were mentioned in the obituary. I was one of those loud kids who had fun playing with the Thomsen kids. We enjoyed many laughs with him even on that last visit and enjoyed seeing the wooden creations that he had made. We will be thinking of the family as they celebrate his life. Blessings to you all. Linda (Chapman) and Daniel Bohling - Arizona



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**Linda and Daniel Bohling** - October 06, 2020 at 02:09 AM

MR

“ So sorry for your loss, Darien was a great person ❤️ He will forever hold a special memory in our hearts❤️Our Deepest Sympathy

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**Mark & Sarah Reinsch** - October 04, 2020 at 08:47 PM

LE

“ Todd, Heather and family,

*Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Granddad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Larry and Barbara Eichelberger*

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**Larry Eichelberger** - October 03, 2020 at 02:47 PM

GT

“ To the family of Darien and Betty,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you say goodbye to your dad. Such a difficult time, yet the memories of his life are reasons to celebrate. Vernon and I always enjoyed visiting with Betty and Darien at family get togethers. We pray for peace and comfort for you during this time. May the love and laughter from shared memories bring you healing and your faith in God sustain you in the days ahead.  
Our deepest sympathy to you.  
Vernon and Grace Thomsen. Omaha,NE

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**Grace Thomsen** - October 03, 2020 at 02:39 PM

GL

“ Sympathy to the Thomsen family from old neighbors The Wayne Petersen families.

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**Gladys** - October 02, 2020 at 09:35 PM

SJ

“ Darien will be greatly missed. I always enjoyed visiting with him during "library time" and finding something for his varied reading tastes. I never knew if he was going to be in the mood for a mystery, western, romance, or American history; and whether he actually read them or just humored me! He was always the prankster and quite satisfied that I could never get the hooey stick to spin both directions. Of course, he would never share his secret! He enjoyed telling jokes, showing off his incredible carpentry skills, and sharing stories about the farm or crazy things he had done. I definitely missed seeing him when visitors (and librarians) were not allowed into Heritage during COVID. Goodbye my friend.



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**Sarah Johnson** - October 02, 2020 at 09:05 PM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Darien  
E. Thomsen*



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**Holly Rippe** - October 02, 2020 at 01:52 PM