



## Robert C. Thickpenny

September 4, 1924 - April 9, 2016

Robert C. Thickpenny, 91, of Libertyville, IL passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Spring Meadows. He was born Sept. 4, 1924 in San Francisco, CA and was a 1942 graduate of Balboa High School. Following graduation, Bob served with the US Army Air Corp. in the Pacific Theatre during WW II and later during the Korean War. He was a member of the Libertyville American Legion Post #329.

He attended the Univ. of California at Berkeley and later received his MBA from the Lake Forest School of Management. He retired after 30 years as an engineer at the Hough Co/International Harvester Corp. in Libertyville and in 1998 retired after 15 years as a member of the faculty, teaching engineering graphics at the College of Lake County and McHenry College.

He was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville, a 4th Degree member and past Grand Knight of the Lake Forest Knights of Columbus and a member of the Libertyville Ham Hocks Club. Bob was also a former Libertyville Township Trustee and a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party. Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Rita Thickpenny; 6 children, Robert "Greg" (Sheila), Mark, Lance (Donna), Brian (Pamela), Mary Ring and Jean Hughes; 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. 5 Step children, Terry (Jackie) Fleming, Ginnie (Scott) Renfroe, Patty (Bob) Strickland, Midge (Chris) Ihrig, Kris (the late Steve) Lukas, 13 step grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Gladys in 2003 and by his sister

Virginia "Peggy" Battaion.

Visitation will be from 4:30 pm until 7 pm Friday, April 15 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Prayers will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sat. April 16 at the funeral home and continue to St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple, Libertyville, for mass at 10 am. Interment will follow at

Ascension Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, masses would be appreciated. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *I you Daddy!*

Mary Ring - June 29, 2018 at 12:32 PM

PS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mom. He will be greatly missed.*

Patty Strickland - June 29, 2018 at 12:32 PM

JD

“ *Greg, Mark, Lance, Brian, Mary and Jean, I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He always seemed to have a smile. Even in the tough times, he could manage a smile. He was a god-fearing man; a good husband, father, and grandfather; and all around good fellow. He will be missed. Ann and I are traveling in Australia, and will not be able to attend the services. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Jack*

Jack Dowden - June 29, 2018 at 12:32 PM

KL

“ *A kind, gentle man who always had a great sense of humor and a comment that would make me laugh. Thanks for being a part of our lives and our families. You will be missed!*

Kris Lukas - June 29, 2018 at 12:32 PM

JH

“ *I shall miss your eyes -- the twinkle ... the winks ... the mischief. The sweet memories of childhood are forever in my heart. I love you, Dad.*

Jean Hughes - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM



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**Ihrig Family** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM



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**Ihrig Family** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM

JJ

“ Brian, So sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He was a good man. I have many fond memories of your dad. Kathy and I will keep all of you in our prayers.

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**Joe Nemmers Jr** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM

RC

“ Dear Mark, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I used to love running into him (earlier with your mom, as well) at Mass at St. Joe's because he and my dad (and all my uncles) worked at Hough together forEVER and I enjoyed hearing HIS stories about my own dad. Megan, mi querida alumna, siento mucho la pérdida de tu abuelo, Me gustaría saber qué es de tu vida. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and know that I am thinking of you. Rena Calanca

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**Rena Calanca** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

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**Sandi Satterfield-Doyle** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM

PB

“ I saw this too late to attend. I am Mary Ann Schultz's daughter, Phyllis. Last saw your Dad when he was in a Nursing Home on Peterson Rd (?) back in 1980ish? My Mom was in there for a little therapy after having had a hospital stay. I remember times of getting together for events at St Joe's when we were kids...lots of dinners. My Mom was always in the kitchen back then. We had some pretty big Catholic families. My Dad really liked your Dad. My mom is still living in a Senior Apartment in Kenosha, close to me, and is going to be 96 this year. Who would have ever thought....Prayers to you and your family. I'm sure he will be missed but he will be expecting you when your time comes.....have you made your reservation?

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**Phyllis (Schultz) Brauck** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM

JG

“ Mr. Thickpenny had a goodness and a honesty about him that you don't often find! I only had the pleasure of his company a few times, but you recognize the real deal! John K. Grieger Sr.

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**John Grieger** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM

RE

“ Hi Lance sorry to read about your dad! 91..... not too shabby. All the best , your classmate Robin Lundman Ehemann

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**robin ehemann** - April 27, 2018 at 04:56 AM