



## John Tholen

October 12, 1924 - September 15, 2007

John V. Tholen was born on October 12, 1924 in Little Falls to the late Anna and Dale Tholen. John grew up on the west side and was a lifelong resident of Little Falls. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church. John was an excellent high school athlete in Little Falls, lettering in basketball and baseball. He left high school in his senior year to serve with the army during WWII. He received his GED later in life. Upon completing his military service, he returned to Little Falls where he was very active in the town baseball system as a much admired south-paw pitcher. He met Mary Mueller and after converting to Catholicism, they were married at St. Michael's Church in Buckman on October 23, 1948. They settled in Little Falls where they raised their family. John was a familiar face and friend to many around the Little Falls community as he worked for many years as a bartender at the Brass Rail and Red Bull Bars. Later he worked as a security guard and boiler operator at Camp Ripley. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1804. John was a dedicated fisherman and a prodigious reader. A man of great faith, strength of will, and sardonic humor, John will be missed by his family and friends. John V. Tholen is survived by his beloved wife, Mary (Mueller); his children, Mary Jo (Neil) Horsager of Fargo, ND, Julie Tholen of St. Paul, and John Peter (Patty) Tholen of Rice; his grandchildren, Christopher and Katie Horsager, and Trent and Karli Kinsella; John's siblings, John, Dale, and Violet Tholen of Berwick, LA; his cousins, including Jack Simon and many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, infant

grandson Neil Horsager, brother Neal "Cotton", and sisters June, LaRayne, and Joyce. Casket bearers will be Tom Klein, John Klein, Paul Klein, Scott Mueller, Trent Kinsella, and Christopher Horsager. Memorials are preferred to the American Diabetes Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

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SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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## Service

SEP **20**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Tholen*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *See you soon, Julie. I am thinking of you.##imported-begin##Kim Richardson##imported-end##*

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September 20, 2007 at 07:43 AM