



## Carl Thordarson

July 16, 1961 - October 14, 2018

Carl Dean Thordarson, 57, of Ottumwa, Iowa passed away on October 14, 2018 at his home. He was born July 16, 1961 in Storm Lake, Iowa to Edmund L. and Mary Lou Jeffrey Thordarson. Carl graduated from Indian Hills and worked in the Dallas, Texas area for Digital Computers for several years. He eventually moved back to the Ottumwa area and had been working at Performance Pipe in Bloomfield. While not working, Carl enjoyed filming and making movies, playing his guitar, listening to music, golfing, and spending time with his family. He was also very good at doing crossword puzzles and sudoku.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Lou Nichols of Bloomfield, Iowa; siblings, Leslie (Steve) Dlugosch, Jeffrey (Sharon) Thordarson, David (Sherri) Thordarson, Kay Thordarson Wright; nieces and nephews, Theola, Taryn, Erica, Sydney, Chelsea, Dreyman, Nathan; several great nieces and nephews; school pals, Jimmy Bogle, Rick Hougland; Texas friends, (Like family) Chip, Norma, Sarah Sullivan, Rachel Russell; Prescribed Films buddies and cohorts; Performance Pipe coworkers and friends; and forever unconditional friend, Neal Runkle.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Paul Thordarson; brother-in-law, David Wright; and sister-in-law, Deb Thordarson.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rev. Tim Frasher officiating.

Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with the family present to greet friends from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. A memorial has been established to Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl Thordarson*



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**Wagler Funeral Home** - October 25, 2018 at 03:40 PM

NP

*Very nice tribute. When I think of Carl a smile immediately comes to my face. He had such a sense of humor. Sending my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Nancy Plowman** - October 27, 2018 at 09:19 AM

CT

*Very nice. Prayers for all the family.*

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**Charlotte Teubel** - October 29, 2018 at 07:27 AM

DK

*Wonderful tribute to a wonderful man. Our prayers to all the Thordarson family.*

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**Derek Knowler** - October 30, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ *Carl Thordarson*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Thordarson.*



October 26, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Carl's passing. I remember him well from high school...always lots of fun. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*  
*Donita*



**Donita Benedict** - October 25, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Neal, Teri, Evan, Breanna, and Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Carl Thordarson.*



**Neal, Teri, Evan, Breanna, and Family** - October 24, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *DIANE PADGET lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson*



**DIANE PADGET** - October 24, 2018 at 10:12 AM

DK

“ Carl, you'll be greatly missed my friend. You were a great classmate, friend, and a wonderful person. Hillarious at times. But I was privileged to know a calm, focused, and serious side as well. A fellow musician and guitar player and a fellow member of our church. Rick and I usually was not far from you in school. My condolences to all the Thordarson family. May God keep you my friend.

--- Derek Knowler

Derek Knowler - October 23, 2018 at 11:14 PM

LR

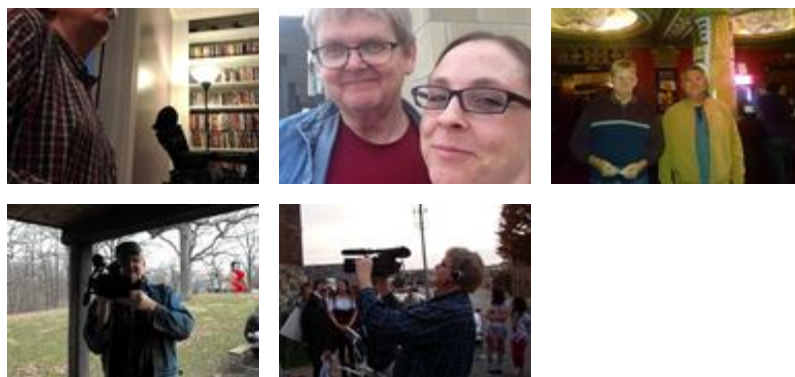
“ Lynn. Roberts lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson



lynn. roberts - October 23, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagler Funeral Home - October 23, 2018 at 04:48 PM

BW

“ Betty A. Woollums lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson



Betty A. Woollums - October 19, 2018 at 04:56 PM

MS

“ I was just remembering the time we went skiing in Colorado. There were a bunch of us; poor Carl didn't know how to ski. He was a trooper though; he kept at it and laughed at himself. We went down the mountain on green runs laughing the whole way. It sure took a long time!

Michael Swanson - October 19, 2018 at 02:41 PM

MS

“ Carl was really one of the good guys. His high pitched laugh was real. I always had fun with him and I enjoyed how quick he was and how intelligent. I am so glad he was my friend. The last time I saw him was in Milwaukee at a concert. I would have liked to do that one more time. Man, we had some beers together over the years!

Michael Swanson - October 19, 2018 at 01:37 PM

DG

“ Carl was such a wonderful guy and we have so many good memories of him during our time in Dallas. He was always trying to make people laugh especially the women on the admin staff. Rest in peace our friend... Tom & Dawn Givens

Dawn Givens - October 19, 2018 at 08:25 AM

CH

“ Yes he was a fun guy to hangout with back in the day. We ran into each other at DEC training and went to Atlantic City one weekend, hit a casino, had a few beers, stopped in Manhattan on the way back and went to the top of the World Trade Center. He had funny stuff to talk about all the way down and back.

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**curt hill** - October 18, 2018 at 10:22 PM

KD

“ Carl was a fun college classmate, a great roommate, an intelligent co-worker, and the BEST Friend. He was always there when needed and good at listening. I remember Carl teaching my Parrot to drink from a can of beer.

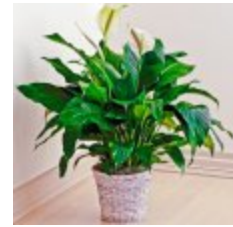
*RIP Carl*

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**Kevin Van Dorin** - October 18, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Carl Thordarson.



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October 18, 2018 at 09:48 AM

CC

“ Carl has such infectious wit and humor. He left an imprint on all who knew him. He was a very special man. Rest In Peace, Carl.

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**Cherri Casteel** - October 18, 2018 at 09:39 AM

SS

“ Steve & Cheri Spurgeon lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson



Steve & Cheri Spurgeon - October 17, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ Carl was a wonderful human being. Kind, funny, smart, witty and very deep. He was more than a friend he was a part of our family. He loved his family and his heritage! His sister Kay was always his go to person. We never thought we would not get the opportunity to laugh and share memories with Carl. But we are so grateful for the time, memories and happy thoughts we we're blessed to share. Carl use to live in Tyler and we lived in Kilgore. He would watch wheel of Fortune in Tyler which came on earlier then come to our house and solve every puzzle with just a few letters. LOL We were always amazed with his intelligence and sense of humor. We love you forever!



Norma Sullivan - October 17, 2018 at 08:37 PM

 Robin Porter

“ I remember our senior year when he wrote down his middle name as Xavier. I believe that's how they announced his name at graduation. You never knew what he was going to say next. He was a great guy and will be missed.

Robin Porter - October 17, 2018 at 06:16 PM

EB

“ *Our White Elephant Family Christmas wont be the same without him. He will be greatly missed.*

Elizabeth Benge - October 17, 2018 at 04:35 PM

LE

“ *Carl was a funny guy who we all lived through the years.... rip my friend ...*

leeanne - October 17, 2018 at 02:26 PM

BM

“ *Barbie Meredith lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson*



Barbie Meredith - October 16, 2018 at 08:55 PM

BM

“ *So Sorry to hear about the passing of Carl, I went to School with him, always like him he could be pretty funny. Thoughts and Prayers to his Family. R.I.P. Carl.*

Barbie Meredith - October 16, 2018 at 08:51 PM

FE

“ *From Mike and Linda Ellis purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Carl Thordarson.*



From Mike and Linda Ellis - October 16, 2018 at 05:22 PM

NC

“ Carl will be missed every day he was a great coach and trainer at work he would play a wide variety of music.I pray for comfort and healing for family and friends.

Nicholas Cramer - October 16, 2018 at 02:16 PM

VM

“ Carl was very friendly and polite always he will be greatly missed by many prayers for carls family

Veronica Marshall - October 16, 2018 at 02:05 PM

MJ

“ Mandi Hornback Jones lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson



Mandi Hornback Jones - October 16, 2018 at 07:16 AM

MJ

“ Carl will be very missed. I have great memories of Christmas at Neal and Teri's with Carl playing games and sitting at the able listening to his stories. He was very good to me and my daughter, and treated us like we were family. I think of him as family. He will be missed very much. Thinking of all of you.

Mandi Hornback Jones - October 16, 2018 at 07:16 AM



“ I spent many hours around the thordarson home growing up. Carl was smart, funny, and had a good heart. He would come up to Jim's tavern on veterans day, hand me money for a drink for any veteran that came in, and I couldn't let any of them know who bought it. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers RIP Carl

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**Beth Marshall** - October 15, 2018 at 11:31 PM

JP

“ I enjoyed being around Carl through UMYF in high school. I remember on one youth retreat, realizing what a funny sense of humor he had. He was nice to be around. When my father died in 2009, Carl wrote the most thoughtful letter to our family about Dad. It was out of the blue, so well written and gave me such comfort. I pray fond memories, and the love of family and friends may give you comfort in your time grief. God bless you. Peace, Jackie Perry

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**Jackie Perry** - October 15, 2018 at 10:06 PM

JP

*I meant to write that my Dad died in 2007.*

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**Jackie Perry** - October 15, 2018 at 10:09 PM

KS

“ Charlie and I will miss Carl. Karen Spargur

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**Karen Spargur** - October 15, 2018 at 06:49 PM

SA

“ Carl has always had a special place in my heart! You will be greatly missed my friend! Your sense of humor could already brighten a day! Prayers to all of his family! Big hugs to Mary Lou and Kay!  
Thoughts and prayers  
Sherry (Thompson) Anderson

Sherry (Thompson) Anderson - October 15, 2018 at 06:43 PM

JP

Thoughts and prayers to Carl's family during this difficult time. Good bye my friend. You will be missed. Your sense of humor will live on with all that knew you.

julie walker presley - October 15, 2018 at 08:23 PM

LL

Thoughts and prayers to the Thordarson family ! I Love you all !

Lori Lawson - October 15, 2018 at 11:02 PM

NM

“ Carl was our first employee after we bought the station. We thought so much of him. He had a quick wit and was extremely intelligent. God bless you Carl. I hope you found peace.

Nan Morgan - October 15, 2018 at 06:40 PM

DD

“ Dana Day lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson



Dana Day - October 15, 2018 at 06:08 PM

LR

“ Sorry to hear of Carl's passing. I always loved his sense of humor.

Lisa (Hopkins) Ryan - October 15, 2018 at 05:17 PM

CG

“ Carmen Glosser lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson



Carmen Glosser - October 15, 2018 at 05:09 PM

MG

“ Melinda Garmon lit a candle in memory of Carl Thordarson



Melinda Garmon - October 15, 2018 at 03:06 PM

BB

So tragic to hear of this as Carl was a fine man. I will always remember the private conversation we shared the day of his older brother Paul's passing in 1981 to assuage our pain and grief. I hope they are together now and at peace. Aeternum vale

Brent Bogle - October 19, 2018 at 10:59 AM

RW

*I'm deeply saddened to hear of Carl's passing. I'm sure everyone still remember's the gag at graduation when Carl started his speech with an "admission" that he wasn't told to wear pants under the gown. We both later worked for DEC and even though we were in different offices hundreds of miles apart, Carl's reputation as a great engineer made it all the way from Dallas to KC. I wish the family God's healing and strength. Carl will surely be missed.*

*Russ Woollums*

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**Russell Woollums** - October 19, 2018 at 02:32 PM