



William Edward Theis

June 29, 1957 - December 23, 2025

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“Bill”

Age 68, of Lake Shannon, IL, formerly of Homer Glen, IL, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Bill was born on June 29, 1957, in Chicago, IL, to Edward William and Mary (née Murphy) Theis. On August 19, 1988, he married Mary Jo Corcoran in Chicago, and together they shared over 37 years of marriage.

Bill was self-employed as a general contractor for more than 40 years, taking great pride in his work and his strong dedication to his trade. He was also a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington.

An avid outdoorsman, Bill enjoyed hunting and fishing and felt most at peace outdoors. He had a special affinity for Lake Shannon, where he spent all of his free time boating, fishing, and enjoying time with friends. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family and was known for his generosity, kind heart, and great sense of wit. He was especially known for his quick one-liners that could bring a smile or laugh to anyone around him.

He is survived by his loving wife; daughters, Alyssa (Luka) Covic of Tinley Park, IL, and Cara Theis of Reddick, IL; and son, Edward (Karissa) Theis of Coal City, IL, a member of the Braidwood Fire Department. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Isabella (4), Vivienne (2), lovingly nicknamed “Chucky”

by her papa, and Edward William (3 months), and was joyfully anticipating the arrival of an additional grandchild.

Bill is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Patrick (Beverly) Corcoran, Michael (Linda) Corcoran, and Timothy (Mary Jo) Corcoran. Bill felt their loyalty and kindness made them true brothers, and he was honored to be a part of the Corcoran clan. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Richard Busch; his in-laws, Thomas and Carole Corcoran; and his two best friends, Michael Tunney his longtime foosball partner and lifelong friend, and Kyle Weis, his lil' fishing buddy.

Visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, December 27, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. A procession will then proceed to St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington, where a Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 1:00 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

For more information and to visit Bill's online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St Lawrence Catholic Church
165 Rice Rd
South Wilmington, IL 60474
(815) 237-2230

Tribute Wall

SK

“ So sorry for your loss. Remembering our birthday celebrations at the lake Bill, Pete and I. Sending you prayers.

suzi kostka - December 27, 2025 at 07:29 PM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss. Loved our Birthday celebration at the lake Bill, Pete and me. My heart goes out to you all.

suzi kostka - December 27, 2025 at 07:15 PM

RI

“ Mr. T! THANKS FOR ALWAYS BELIEVING IN ME! The skills you taught me working with my hands can never be replicated. He always treated me like family and looked out whenever I needed work. He would call and check on me from time to time. I didnt say my goodbye, as I hoped for, but I know it would of ended in laughs and smiles. Rest in peace Mr. T.

Ricardo - December 26, 2025 at 05:07 PM

DM

“ So very sorry for your family’s loss. We loved Bill as a patient and a friend. He had the best one liners and his quick wit always kept us on our toes.
Dana Masching and entire team at County West Physical Therapy.

Dana Masching - December 26, 2025 at 01:19 PM

CB

“ Eddie, so sorry to learn of the passing of your father. Condolences

Cal Brainard - December 25, 2025 at 08:01 PM

SO

“ *Bill was a wonderful neighbor to my family. In a random turn of events, he actually once saved my life! My dog had fallen off our boat, I jumped in to help him, he pushed me under, and Bill jumped in with his jeans on to help save me! He didn't even hesitate to help. That's the kind of man he was. He will be truly missed.* ”



Sandra O'Callaghan - December 23, 2025 at 05:14 PM

SW

Love you Bill. I hope you're resting peacefully. May your memory be a blessing.

Sharon White - December 24, 2025 at 03:53 PM

BE

Bill was the perfect gentleman and he was loved by all. God keep you in his glory. No more suffering my dear friend only glory. Love you Bill from Beatriz and Mario Rodriguez.

Beatriz - December 25, 2025 at 10:23 AM