



## Donald E. Thorpe

September 12, 1949 - December 31, 2012

Donald E. Thorpe, age 63, of Holly, born September 12, 1949 passed away on December 31, 2012. Beloved fiancée of Janice Thomann; loving son of Donald H. Thorpe, and his late mother Barbara J. Thorpe; dear father of Donald K. (fiancée Brandi Schwinck)Thorpe, and daughters Corie Saunders and Jennifer A. Chapel; cherished grandfather of Rebecca, Haley, Connor, Bre'Lynn, Drasin, Cody, Rayana, Samantha, Shannon, Joshua and Jayden; loving brother of Kenneth (Lola) Thorpe, Lynn (Jon) Miller, Teresa (Stanley) Cook, and Kimberly (Gregory/Augie) Urich; dear uncle of 17 nieces and nephews; 17 great-nieces and nephews; and many cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. Donald played baseball and football, and graduated from Milford High School in 1967. Donald served in the United States Navy, and loved hunting and fishing. We will miss you deeply, Don. Funeral services will be held at 11AM Sat. Jan. 5, 2013 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Dean Dumbrille officiating. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 7-9 PM Friday. Inurnment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.  
[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
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## Visitation

JAN 4. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald E. Thorpe*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *REST IN PEACE DON. You will always be in our thoughts.*

*Vince and Joanne*

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**Joanne Fabis** - January 06, 2013 at 04:25 PM



“ *REST IN PEACE DON. You will always be in our thoughts.*

*Vince and Joanne*

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**Joanne Fabis** - January 06, 2013 at 04:22 PM

JG

“ Don took me under his wing and treated me like a little brother. He introduced me to ice fishing and was sitting beside me when I speared my first pike. He took me pheasant hunting behind Ken and Lola's and numerous other "secret" haunts. He netted my first trout and was standing on the bank of the Manistee river, laughing, as I hooked and lost my first Steelhead. He has given me advice on everything from hunting and fishing to cars, dogs and girls. Advice I have been able to pass along to my son. He had such a tremendous influence on my life and regret that I never told him that. I hope he knew.

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**Jerry Gaca** - January 05, 2013 at 05:34 PM

CG

“ My brothers and I spent a lot of time fishing and hunting with Don. Mostly in the late 70's and early 80's. Don always had a new place to try. Or he had a tried and true place that he wanted to share. He introduced me to pan fishing with crickets on small ponds and small mouth bass fishing with tube lures on Manistee lake. Together we discovered fishing hot spots on Bay De Noc in the U.P. I have indelible memories of us woodcock hunting in Pontiac, Holly and Groveland.  
Don was the motivator, When it was time to get outdoors he got you going, Don ignored any complaints or resistance you may have. Even though we have not spent time together recently, I will miss him!

**Charlie Gaca**

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**Charlie Gaca** - January 04, 2013 at 08:27 AM

CG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Charlie Gaca** - January 04, 2013 at 07:58 AM

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**Charlie Gaca** - January 04, 2013 at 07:57 AM

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**Charlie Gaca** - January 04, 2013 at 07:55 AM



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Charlie Gaca - January 04, 2013 at 07:54 AM



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Charlie Gaca - January 04, 2013 at 07:52 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald E. Thorpe.




January 04, 2013 at 05:22 AM



“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Becca Doring - January 03, 2013 at 10:36 AM

 Becca  
Doring

“ *I dont remember alot about my grandpa but i know he was a good man, i only remember him twice growing up i wish i had gotten more time to spend with him, he should still be here today. i love you grandpa*  
*Love Becca*

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**Becca Doring** - January 03, 2013 at 10:26 AM

LM

“ *Lynda (Burley) Mullally lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Thorpe*



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**Lynda (Burley) Mullally** - January 03, 2013 at 09:39 AM

LM

*I was sad to learn of Donnie's passing....I am thanking God for his life....he was a wonderful example of kindness and love....Donnie was a humble man who had a great smile....one to be honored for serving our country.....prayers up for his family and friends.....*

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**Lynda (Burley) Mullally** - January 03, 2013 at 09:46 AM

DL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. God's Blessings!*

*Jessi and Derek Lash*  
*Crystal, Minnesota*

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**Derek Lash** - January 03, 2013 at 08:00 AM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. God's blessings.

*Jessi and Derek Lash  
Crystal, Minnesota*

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**Derek Lash** - January 03, 2013 at 07:56 AM

ST

“ Nanci and I are so saddened by my cousin Donnie's passing. We wish we could be there, unfortunately we will not be able to attend the services. Donnie was a great nephew to my mom and dad. He was always extra special to them because he had been the ringbearer in their wedding in 1953. I always looked up to him when I was growing up and even though we didn't see each other much I will truly miss him.

*Steve*

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**Steve Thorpe** - January 02, 2013 at 06:38 PM