



Arthur William Thompson

January 19, 1932 - February 27, 2025

An open house celebration of life will be held Monday May 26, 2025, at the Cottonwood Country Club from 10am to 1pm. Arthur (“Art”) William Thompson, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and cherished member of the Torrington, Wyoming community, passed away peacefully on

February 27, 2025, at the age of 93. Art’s death marks the end of a remarkable life filled with

kindness, dedication, and service to others. In lieu of flowers, Art requested that donations be made to the Torrington Little League in his memory.

Donations can be sent to Platte Valley Bank, 2201 Main St. Torrington, WY 82240. Born on January 19, 1932, in Platteville, Colorado, Art grew up in northern Colorado where he developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors and the strong values of family and hard work.

His formative years shaped him into the man who would become a pillar in his community and

a role model to those around him. In 1950, Art graduated from Fort Collins High School and soon after enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served during the Korean War. After his military service, Art returned to civilian life in Fort Collins. It was there that he met and married Geraldine Dietz in 1953. Art

and Gerri had four children - Randy, Rick, Connie and Rob. At that time, Art and his brother owned an auto salvage and towing business in Fort Collins. In

his spare time, Art enjoyed racing stock cars, fishing, hunting, playing golf and coaching baseball. In 1963, Art moved his family to Torrington, Wyoming. Art and his high school friend, Lee Phillips, became business partners and built the Ten Pin Tropics bowling center and café on the east side of town in Torrington. Construction of Ten Pin started in 1963 and opened for business in 1964. Ten Pin Tropics was a well-known establishment and fixture in town, which the family owned and operated for 40 years before selling it in 2004. Art enjoyed coaching youth baseball and devoted many hours to that passion. When he moved to Torrington, the town had no organized youth baseball. In 1965, Art and his friend Gene Koza started a youth baseball league. With land donated on the north side of town, they helped the town build two baseball fields. In 1967, Art and Gene brought Little League to Torrington. In that first year, the Little League all-star team they coached finished second at state tournament. The following year in 1968, the Little League team that Art coached won the state tournament and advanced to the Sectional tournament in Elko, Nevada. That team won the Sectional tournament beating the state champions from Colorado, Utah and Nevada, and advanced to the Little League Regional tournament in Gallup, New Mexico. That run ended with a hard fought 2-1 loss in 10 innings to Albuquerque, New Mexico. After a divorce in 1968, Art married Enid McKee in December 1969. Enid and her three children, Debi, Marty and Sonia moved into the Thompson house, and Art and Enid together raised all seven children. Outside of his work and family, Art loved playing golf at the Torrington golf course. He was passionate about the golf course and was instrumental in helping to initiate the planning, design and construction of the back nine at the course. Art was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Faye Thompson, his sister Meredith Koehler, and his son, Randy Thompson. He is survived by his wife, Enid Thompson; his brother Al Thompson and sister Dorothy Buderus both of Fort Collins, Colorado; his three children: Rick (Janine) Thompson of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Connie

(John) Seibel of Burdick, Kansas; and Rob (Karen) Thompson of Frisco, Texas; his daughter-in-law Suzanne Thompson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and his three stepchildren: Debi (Randy) Edmunds of Torrington, Marty (Karen) McKee of Torrington, and Sonia (Mike) Andrews of Mobridge, South Dakota. He also leaves behind 25 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will forever remember him for his kindness, warmth, and generosity. Art Thompson's legacy of service, kindness, and love will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May he rest in peace.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Cottonwood Country Club
2208 Golf Course Rd
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lisa Lawrence (kelly) lit a candle in memory of Arthur Thompson*



Lisa Lawrence (kelly) - May 23, 2025 at 08:33 AM

KR

“ *Art was one of a kind. He impacted so many lives including mine. I loved coming back and having lunch with him. We could sit there for hours and swap stories and the things he would tell me as well as teach me is part of my daily life now. He was a GEM! Sincere sorrow for the loss of such a great man and I know the whole community will miss him, but his legacy will live in all of us forever. Prayers to this family. Coach K (Kelly Meyers Rothberg)*



Kelly Rothberg - March 12, 2025 at 08:50 AM

EC

“ *I will always appreciate Art! He was my 1st boss in 1964. It was a great place to work. Thanks for the memories! We spent many many hours at Ten Pin Tropics, eating and bowling. Our heartfelt condolences. Eva & Jerry Canaday & sons*

Eva Canaday - March 11, 2025 at 06:30 PM

PF

“ I always fondly remember my time working at Ten Pin. Art was a wonderful employer and we always had such a fun time there. It was a building block from our younger days that can never be matched. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Paul Fritzler - March 06, 2025 at 11:26 PM

KB

“ Enid and family: Art was such a fine gentleman and great friend to me. I enjoyed many rounds of golf with him and pleased to have him join several golf trips. He was a valued leader when we built the back 9 at Cottonwood. No matter the circumstances, it just isn't easy to lose him.
Our heartfelt condolences.
Ken & Judy Banister

ken banister - March 06, 2025 at 08:18 PM

JC

“ Joe & courtney purchased the Blue and Yellow Orchid Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Arthur William Thompson.



Joe & courtney - March 03, 2025 at 05:14 PM

JC

“ Joe & courtney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur William Thompson.

Joe & courtney - March 03, 2025 at 05:14 PM

JK

“ I always enjoyed my time visiting bowling and sleepovers with Sonia. Enid and Art were gracious hosts. Prayers to all of you.

Judy Morris Kucinski - March 03, 2025 at 04:48 PM

BK

“ BETH & WAYNE KORELL lit a candle in memory of Arthur Thompson



BETH KORELL - March 03, 2025 at 03:35 PM

MI

“ Enid and family. I send condolence to you at this time. Our class of 1954 had great class reunions at Ten Pin Tropics. Thank you for your friendship.

Marion Weickum, Idaho - March 03, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BG

“ Bobbi Kay Giles lit a candle in memory of Arthur Thompson



Bobbi Kay Giles - March 01, 2025 at 05:34 PM

MS

“ Our sympathy to all of Arts family, we have many special memories, enjoying Art and Enid. A special guy, May your grief be eased by fond memories. Miriam Schmer and Harvey

miriam schmer - February 28, 2025 at 11:53 PM

DB

“ Art was a wonderful man. He was great for our small community. I have some really good memories of him that will never die.

Deana Baker - February 28, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SD

“ Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Arthur Thompson



Sue Davis - February 28, 2025 at 09:38 AM

RN

“ Royce & Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Thompson



Royce & Carolyn Nelson - February 28, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ *Lisa lawrence (kelly) lit a candle in memory of Arthur Thompson*



Lisa lawrence (kelly) - February 28, 2025 at 12:23 AM



“ *Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of Arthur Thompson*



Gayle Hascall - February 27, 2025 at 11:55 PM



“ *Art was one of the kindest, nicest person ever knew. Sending sincerest condolences to your family and friends.*

Pat Schmer - February 27, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ *Art will be missed by so many! He touched so many lives here having owned the bowling alley for so long. He always had a smile and a kind word whenever I would see him. He always made me smile when I saw him or when I think of him! My sincere sympathies. God got a good one!*

Debbi Surratt - February 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

AG

“ I am very sorry to learn of Art's death. He was a pillar of our community and his contributions were paramount! His involvement with the youth, from baseball to good ol' Ten Pin Tropics, created a true camaraderie in Goshen County. You have left a wonderful legacy, Art, and you will be missed.

Andrea Sittner Griffin - February 27, 2025 at 12:40 PM