

## George L. Thayer Jr.

February 16, 1935 - June 17, 2021

George J. Thayer, Jr. was born on February 16, 1935 in Shingleton, Michigan to George and Leona Thayer. George passed away on June 17, 2021 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan. George proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War attaining the rank of Yeoman Petty Officer 3rd Class (YNT3). After serving his country George finished his education and pursued his career in education hiring into the Chippewa Valley School district teaching math at the high school. Along with being a teacher at the high school for 34 years George became the first football coach at Chippewa Valley High School along with coaching the track team, basketball team and the golf team. Following his teaching career George and his wife Adele retired to Florida returning to Michigan just a few months before his death. In his free time George was an avid bowler and loved to golf and fish. George is the beloved husband of Adele. Loving father of George Thayer III, Scott Thayer, and Erik (Krista) Thayer. Very proud grandpa of George Thayer IV, Erica Thayer, Reeve Thayer, Nathan Thayer, Logan Thayer, Tara Thayer, Parker Thayer, Hope Thayer, and Ellen Thayer. Dearest brother of Myrtle Tidd, Van Thayer and Teddy (the late Glen) Radloff. Visitation Tuesday 2-8 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Funeral Services Wednesday 10 AM at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

### Funeral Service

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Mr. Thayer was a wonderful teacher. So very kind to all his students. Truly one of my favorite teachers. Prayers of comfort, peace and Condolences to his family.*

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**Ann Belvedere-Gustafson** - June 23, 2021 at 05:23 PM

TH

“ *George was like an extra older brother while I adjusted to NMU as a freshman in 1958. Will never forget visiting Munising and staying in the room above the jail which was noisy. So sorry for your loss and a loss to the whole family.*

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**Tim Hughes** - June 23, 2021 at 03:32 PM

AG

“ *My husband Ken had the privilege to teach with George at Chippewa for many years. He was not only an amazing teacher but a great friend. He was so far ahead of others in computer knowledge that he put Chippewa's program above the rest. Ken also bowled with George and enjoyed every minute of it. George could watch someone bowl and point out little things to improve their game. He was a special person who made a difference in many people's lives. Anne Marie Gherardini*

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**Anne M Gherardini** - June 21, 2021 at 11:07 PM

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“ Our math teacher added to our divided day using a great classroom experience that did not subtract a top from a bottom. I'll never forget his priceless looks when after writing a new problem, on an actual blackboard, he would turn around with a facial presence suggesting he can't wait to hear how we approach the problem and knowing the surprised and confused looks upon a sea of faces would make his day, his experience, his opportunity to teach.

*Condolences to the Thayer family, times ten.*

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**Richard Puffer, Class of 1970** - June 21, 2021 at 12:18 PM

GI

“ *FaceBook Comments*

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**George III** - June 19, 2021 at 09:54 AM

RM

“ *Mr. Thayer was a kind and patient teacher. My condolences to his wife and family. Rebecca Bamford Mattia*

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**Rebecca Mattia** - June 18, 2021 at 11:27 PM

AC

“ *Mr. Thayer was a wonderful teacher who loved what he did and it showed in how he treated all of his students with respect...he loved math and was a gifted educator.*

*Prayers to his family during this difficult time.*

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**Ali Bollinger Carr** - June 18, 2021 at 11:07 PM

CJ

*George was a great friend on 16 Mile Lake, Munising, Michigan. He will be missed by us all. Carol Johnson*

**carol Johnson** - June 19, 2021 at 09:22 PM

KM

*“ Mr. Thayer always made math so fun and interesting; I have fond memories of learning geometry in his class. My condolences to his family.*

**Kimberly Matis** - June 18, 2021 at 10:45 PM

EP

*“ I had Mr. Thayer for multiple classes at CVHS. He was an amazing teacher, but an even kinder human being. He was someone that I was blessed to carry in my heart long after graduation. I was fortunate to be able to hug him and share a meal when he returned to Chippewa Valley for the district’s 50th anniversary— even 20 years after graduation, I still admired him like he was a celebrity.*

**Elizabeth Pyden** - June 18, 2021 at 10:40 PM

NR

*“ Mr. Thayer was both my Pascal teacher and my pre-calc teacher. He was always humble, helpful, and kind. And sharp as a tack. He is part of why I became a computer engineer, and I still think about him as my kids are going through calculus in school.*

*My heartfelt condolences to his family. He was a great man.*

**Nathan Robinson** - June 18, 2021 at 10:28 PM

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HUMANITY

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James Tadra - June 18, 2021 at 10:21 PM

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*Mr. Thayer was a great teacher - his students all loved him. My deepest condolences to his family.*

James Tadra - June 18, 2021 at 10:27 PM

DT

“ *Mr. Thayer was my geometry teacher. I remember him being so nice and patient. My condolences to the family.*

Debbie Tapert - June 18, 2021 at 09:05 PM

RD

“ *I was one of Mr. Thayers many students. I had for my first computer programming class at CVHS. That class has lead me to a long enjoyable career in IT.*

*Thoughts and prayers to his family and those near and dear to him.*

*Ron*

Ron Delpiere - June 18, 2021 at 08:52 PM

KR

“ George gave the best hugs! My friends and I always enjoyed talking with him and Adele while at Holly’s cabin. On behalf of Cindy Baxter and Sandy Webster, our sincere condolences to Adele and family. George will be greatly missed. Kathy Rich

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**Kathy Rich** - June 18, 2021 at 07:35 PM

KG

“ He was the greatest math teacher! So patient when explaining math to you .. always remember that ..

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**Kathy Gallo** - June 18, 2021 at 07:34 PM

SR

“ Mr. Thayer was my favorite teacher. He was always enthusiastic. He challenged us each and every day. After 54 years I can remember being in his class like it was yesterday. My thoughts are with you.

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**Sheryl Brett Rissel** - June 18, 2021 at 06:58 PM

DS

“ I graduated in the Class of '72, and he put up with a lot from us. He was an intelligent man who used his capabilities to better the lives of others. He not only taught math, but he taught the first computer classes at CVHS. The terminal was in a room adjacent to his classroom and we had to sign in with a telephone modem. He had an abundance of patience and tolerance, which every successful high school teacher must have. God bless your family in your loss. Sincerely, Don Schmittiel

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**Don Schmittiel** - June 18, 2021 at 06:55 PM

MS

“ One of the best teachers I ever had at Chippewa. We were hoping he would make it to our 50 year reunion.

Mike Sheridan  
CVHS Class of 69

Michael Sheridan - June 18, 2021 at 06:48 PM

NP

“ Nancy Prunick lit a candle in memory of George L. Thayer Jr.

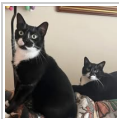


Nancy Prunick - June 18, 2021 at 06:44 PM

NP

I am so sorry for George's passing we were class mates also family friends

Nancy Prunick - June 18, 2021 at 06:46 PM



Mr. Thayer was by far my favorite teacher. Always an inspiration. And even a neighbor for a while. I got to babysit for little Georgie. Sorry to hear he is gone.

Darlene Hubsy - June 18, 2021 at 07:17 PM

LS

Mr. Thayer will always be remembered as one of the most respected and loved teachers I ever had the privilege to know. At first he scared me, and then I thought the world of him. I am sad to hear of his passing.

Linda Rashin Smith class of 65.

Linda Smith - June 18, 2021 at 08:13 PM

JE

*A True Gentleman, and a Great teacher,. God's Blessings. Class of 72.*

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**jeannine** - June 18, 2021 at 08:37 PM

MR

*Mr. Thayer was a wonderful teacher. Condolences to his family.  
Marie Hummel Rosso Class of 1967*

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**Marie Rosso** - June 18, 2021 at 10:54 PM

SN

*I worked with George in the 70,s 80,s and 90,s, what a great teacher  
and person. He always had time to check on the main office staff and  
say Hello! He will be missed. Condolences to the family. Sharon  
Nazione, (Old Mrs. Naz)*

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**SHARON E NAZIONE** - June 19, 2021 at 10:33 AM

JO

*George was a dear friend. Many good times shared with he and Adele  
in MI and FL. He will be missed. It was not surprising to read all the  
wonderful thoughts from his former students. That says a lot about the  
person he was. Love you, George.  
Jay and Joann*

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**joann** - June 20, 2021 at 03:37 PM