



Lucien "Lou" Thacker

April 18, 1930 - August 15, 2020

Lucien E Thacker

April 18th, 1930 - August 15th, 2020

I first met Lucien when he was in his late 50's, and like so many before him, was drawn to his magnanimous personality and caring nature. In enduring the loss of this dear friend and companion, I've come to know him in ways I had not prior. There was much of his life prior, although he had conveyed hundreds of stories about, that was still unknown to me, even after having the privilege to spend these last 30 plus years with him.

Lucien was born April 18, 1930 to Harry and Vesta (Graves) Thacker in Ray, Ohio. He grew up with his sisters, Margaret and Catherine, and several cousins, many of which were in close proximity. Upon graduating from Coalton High school, class of 1947, he moved in with family near Columbus, Ohio, and began working at the Ohio Statehouse. He held several responsibilities there, but ultimately began working in the division of safety and hygiene, where all of his future work would lie.

In March of 1953, Lucien entered the Army. He conveyed to me that it was the most proud his father was of him, something he never forgot. He left the army, A Military Police Corporal, in 1957, where he had earned accolades from his superiors. Discharged honorably, he resumed work with the State of Ohio in the division of safety and hygiene. His career in safety and hygiene would take him into the private sector, working with large companies like Kroger and Borden Inc. before landing an Assistant Vice President position within the Frank Gates Service Company in Columbus, where he remained until retirement. When he wasn't working, or being the talk of the town, he nurtured a talent for artistic expression, sketching models and elaborate clothing.

Lucien's work throughout the years included extensive travel, and therein, he found his true love, people. Lucien could befriend anyone, and detested no one. Wherever his work took him, he would strike up a lifelong friendship. During a trip to New Orleans in 1973, he met the mayor, and was made an Honorary Citizen. Such was the effect of Lucien's allure. He would participate in any activity which drew him closer to those around him. Golfing, dancing, fishing, boating; anything which would give him time just to get to know people, and for people to get to know him. In hindsight, I find myself wondering if he cared about doing any of these things, or if he would do anything just to enjoy good company.

He was well known for his refined taste, love of fine dining, impeccable style with tailored suits and fine jewelry, and a passion for luxury vehicles. More than all, he was beloved for his incredible personality. He appreciated life, and all of God's creations. He enjoyed walks in nature, drives in the country and travel to the most beautifully scenic vistas in the country, whether it was the mountains of Denver, which he visited annually, or the shores of Hawaii, one of his favorite destinations.

In his later years, he continued his love of travel and people, frequently visiting friends and family with whom he had made lifetime connections with over the years. I was privileged to join him on these journeys, and meet those whom he had touched all the years prior, and forge new friendships with him.

Family was important to Lucien. He was very close and protective of his parents, whom he brought into his home and cared for in their waning years, and was generous to his nephews and their children. He alternated much of his time with his family in Londonderry, Ohio or his home in Columbus until his parents and Margaret joined him in Columbus. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Vesta Thacker, his sisters, Margaret (Emmett) Freeman, and Catherine (Erle) Temple as well as countless friends and family throughout the country.

He is survived by his nephews Phillip (Joyce) Temple, Thomas (Beth) Temple and Richard (Cherie) Temple, and friends and extended family from all over, myself included.

To say he has gone to a better place is no deceit. After 90 years enjoying life, he had seen so many he had known and loved move on from this earth, and I am certain he will spend eternity enjoying all those whom he had lost, and now rejoined, and waiting for those yet to arrive.

"Together forever"

-Johann S Mayer

Comments



“ What can I say, Lucien has been a part of my family as long as I can remember. My family and his vacationed together, Florida, California among other places. Lucien has always been there for me, like my 2nd father. He even represented my father at my wedding, because my father was sickly and bedfast at the time. We have had a lot of good times with Lucien, he will be missed greatly. RIP, Until we meet again.
Rick Harper & family.



Rick Harper - August 31, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Sue Clem lit a candle in memory of Lucien "Lou" Thacker



Sue Clem - August 30, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ John, you certainly captured the soul of Lou in the obituary. we were blessed to get to know Lou and his love for others instantly drew us into a friendship. What a blessing it was for us to know Lou. He kept a smile on our face and a warm fire burning in our heart. We will miss you, Lou. May you rest in peace. Love, Jim & Debbie M.

Jim Mulford - August 30, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ I was A Figure Skater with Ice Capades an I recall Presenting a Beautiful Bouquet of Roses To his Mother an The Following Year to his Sister They Loved feeling Special sitting in front row every Year Lou was a Special friend with a Kind Soul You'll Be Missed My Friend ...



Cortez Howard - August 30, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ Johann Mayer lit a candle in memory of Lucien "Lou" Thacker



Johann Mayer - August 30, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ A military service and burial will take place at the Londonderry Cemetery located at 35814 US-50, Londonderry, Oh on Saturday, September 5th at 11am with a small luncheon within the on site church afterwards. Friends and family able to attend are cordially asked to please join us.

Johann - August 30, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ I miss you Uncle Lucien!



Cara Temple - August 21, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Lydia Stroul lit a candle in memory of Lucien "Lou" Thacker



Lydia Stroul - August 21, 2020 at 08:53 AM