



## Melvin Otto Thume

December 11, 2024

Melvin Otto Thume, of Preston, passed away at Talbot Hospice House on December 11th, 2024. He was 87.

Born in Trappe, on January 30, 1937, he was the son of the late Charles Melvin Thume and Margaret Augusta (Greenwood) Thume. Following high school, Melvin enlisted in the United States Air Force serving his country before being Honorably Discharged in 1959. Following his time in the Air Force, he worked at a boatyard in Oxford. Melvin was dating Peggy Steenken, who was working in the feed mill in Easton. Most days he managed to find an excuse to go to Easton for supplies and then slipped in the back door of the feed mill to visit Peggy. We are not sure what boating supplies were in the feed mill but Melvin and Peggy soon got married and moved to Trappe where they raised two children.

Melvin had many jobs in his life but was most proud of his woodworking and gardening.

Melvin is survived by his wife of 64 years, the former Peggy Steenken. He is also survived by his children; Wayne Thume (Lisa) and Joyce Thume; along with 3 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Along with his parents, he is predeceased by his sister, Sue Thume Brittingham.

A graveside service, with military honors will be held at Landing Neck Cemetery, Landing Neck Road, Trappe, MD on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 11am. Following the service there will be a gathering at the Trappe Fire House.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Melvin's memory are suggested to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Ave, Easton, MD 21601

# Cemetery Details

## Landing Neck Cemetery

Landing Neck Rd.  
Trappe, MD

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (est)

Landing Neck Cemetery  
Landing Neck Rd.  
Trappe, MD

# Tribute Wall

DM

“Peggy, Joyce, Randy, JoJo and Lily Girl, so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed riding by Peggy and Melvin's place and seeing what was going on and how nice it always looked. My thoughts will be with you guys over the Holiday.

David McClain - December 21, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DB

“Sorry for your loss, Wayne. As I viewed the memories photo gallery, I remembered the time, I met your parents and instantly could notice how down to earth, wholesome, and caring for each other. Even though it was a moment, it stuck with me all these years and was one of the first things I asked you prior to lunch recently, how are your parents? I'm sending prayers to your mom and the rest of family. Be strong as the healing is on the way. -Dewayne

Dewayne Brown - December 20, 2024 at 07:09 PM

DF

“Dung Phan & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Otto Thume.

Dung Phan & Family - December 16, 2024 at 04:02 PM

DF

“Dung Phan & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin Otto Thume.



Dung Phan & Family - December 16, 2024 at 04:02 PM

TK

“ Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Melvin Otto Thume



Tom Knox - December 15, 2024 at 05:28 PM

AF

“ Altvater Family lit a candle in memory of Melvin Otto Thume



Altvater Family - December 15, 2024 at 02:46 PM

TF

“ The Altvater Family lit a candle in memory of Melvin Otto Thume



The Altvater Family - December 15, 2024 at 02:44 PM

RS

“ Robert Steenken lit a candle in memory of Melvin Otto Thume



Robert Steenken - December 14, 2024 at 12:46 PM

JV

“ So sorry Peggy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as they have been since Melvin went to the hospital! We are here for you for anything you may need. We love you all!  
Joe and Margaret



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**Joe and Margaret B. Voshell** - December 14, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ Most kids growing up in the 1940’s and 1950’s had nicknames and Melvin had several.

*Booby Owl - When his parents moved to Landing Neck, his friends started calling him “Booby Owl” because there would be nothing but owls to keep him company that far out of town. The father of one of his friends called Melvin “Booby Owl” for the rest of his life.*

*Pickle - Melvin loved sour pickles but one day in Trappe he bought a dill pickle by mistake and when he bit into it outside the store he spit it out and made such a fuss that they started calling him Pickle in the store after that.*

*Pill - He got the nickname "Pill" from his family as in "A hard pill to swallow". This was their single syllable way of calling him a pain in the ass.*

*Thumper -This nickname is a bit more mysterious. He got this while he was in the Air Force. His friends from that time, Jesse and Iva Taylor, always called him Thumper and they either didn’t remember or wouldn’t say how he got it.*



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**Wayne Thume** - December 14, 2024 at 08:46 AM

BC

“ *Brenda And Mark Cummings lit a candle in memory of Melvin Otto Thume*



**Brenda and Mark Cummings** - December 14, 2024 at 06:36 AM

WR

“ *Wow, not the news I wanted to get today. So sorry to hear this. So many fun times hanging out at the Thume house growing up.*

**wayne R** - December 14, 2024 at 12:04 AM

CS

“ *Dear Peggy. So sorry about Melvin. Will miss his smile and kind nature, thinking of you and your family*



**Connie Harris Sypniewski** - December 13, 2024 at 08:52 PM

AH

“ *Ann H. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Melvin Otto Thume.*



**Ann H.** - December 13, 2024 at 08:29 PM

AH

“ Ann H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Otto Thume.

Ann H. - December 13, 2024 at 08:29 PM

WT

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Wayne Thume - December 13, 2024 at 05:26 PM

BR

What great photos ! Sending you and your family condolences .

Betsy Roe - December 14, 2024 at 07:19 AM

KB

“ Kerri Brandow lit a candle in memory of Melvin Otto Thume



Kerri Brandow - December 13, 2024 at 05:13 PM

NF

“ Nancy Adams and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Melvin Otto Thume.



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**Nancy Adams and family** - December 13, 2024 at 03:04 PM

AB

“ Ann Bateman lit a candle in memory of Melvin Otto Thume



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**Ann Bateman** - December 13, 2024 at 12:39 PM