



Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson

August 30, 1932 - July 5, 2022

Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson, Sr., 89, of Kilbourne, passed away at 2:20 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 30, 1932, in Kilbourne, Illinois to Alvin Thomas and Dessie Mabel (Bahl) Hodgson. He married Bridget Marie McCue in Kingsland, Georgia on March 16, 1956. She preceded him in death on January 26, 2008.

He enlisted in the Navy at the early age of 17 and loyally served his country for over 13 years. During his naval career he served as an aircraft mechanic and was trained to build and program flight simulators. He also served on the Shore Patrol for Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia. While stationed at Mayport Naval Base in Jacksonville Beach, FL, he met the love of his life. In their 53 years together they were blessed with a large, loud, and loving family. Theo helped raise his children with patience, discipline, and humility with a strong dose of work ethic. He was kind and soft-spoken and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem no matter how small. He enjoyed antiquing, Sunday afternoon NASCAR races, playing cards at the Nature Center, and spending time with family and friends.

Upon leaving the service, he came back to Kilbourne to work at the family sawmill. He was very devoted to his family and the community and served in several volunteer and elected positions such as Kilbourne Chief of Police, Mason County Chapter of the Civil Defense (now known as FEMA), Village of

Kilbourne Trustee, Kilbourne Volunteer Fire Department, and Kilbourne Township Supervisor. He was a member of the Kilbourne Baptist Church.

Theo is survived by his children: Mary (Fred) Belke of Elkhart, Illinois; Theora (Kristy) Hodgson, Jr. of Chandlerville, Illinois; Virginia (Manny Adelu) Hodgson of Roanoke, Illinois; Thomas (Lynn) Hodgson of Kilbourne, Illinois; Terri (Randy) Shawgo of Petersburg, Illinois; and Calvin (Joy) Hodgson of Kilbourne, Illinois. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two brothers, David (Paula) Hodgson of Petersburg, Illinois, and Gary (Karen) Hodgson of Kilbourne, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son (Hal Hodgson), sister (Catherine Smith), and brother (John Hodgson).

Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., July 9, 2022, at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, with the funeral service immediately following at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Mike Hopps will officiate. Interment will be at Kilbourne Cemetery following the service. VFW Post #6408 and American Legion Post #138 will provide military detail.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Hodgson's name to the Kilbourne Fire Department or the Havana Nature Center. Online condolences may be left for his family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Kilbourne Cemetery

Kilbourne, IL 62655

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

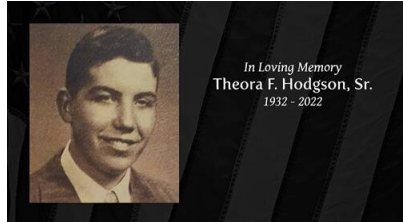
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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson



Hurley Funeral Home - July 08, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ I miss you every day. ❤️

Terri Shawgo - April 25, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Kathy Tribble lit a candle in memory of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson



Kathy Tribble - July 10, 2022 at 08:56 AM

RS

“ Our prayers go out to the family. We remember Theo when he came to Cowboy Church in Atterberry. He was always friendly.

Ray & Cindy Spellbrink - July 08, 2022 at 11:53 PM

RG

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Hodgson family. Sorry for your loss.

Robert Griffin - July 08, 2022 at 11:00 PM

RG

“ Robert Griffin lit a candle in memory of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson



Robert Griffin - July 08, 2022 at 10:58 PM

JC

“ I was sadden to read of Theo's passing. We girls in the office loved him and was always happy to see him come in. I have waited on him for over 30 years at State Farm. I considered him my friend and buddy. I know he is with his wife and son. Julitta Carpenter

Julitta Carpenter - July 08, 2022 at 04:37 PM

JC

“ Julitta Carpneter lit a candle in memory of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson



Julitta Carpneter - July 08, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 08, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 08, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to the Hodgson family. Bless you all.

Denise Hill Johnson - July 08, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 08, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.*



July 08, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson*



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 08, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family at this time.*

Ray & Cindy Spellbrink - July 08, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.*



Kim Baker - July 07, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 07, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ John Witherall lit a candle in memory of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson



John witherall - July 07, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - July 07, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 07, 2022 at 05:12 PM

TC

“ Terry Campbell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



Terry Campbell - July 07, 2022 at 03:45 PM

DG

“ Continued thoughts and prayers from Lori and I for you and your family on the passing of your dad.

Dale Gasparovic - July 07, 2022 at 02:14 PM

TA

“ The Childress Family (Bill, Sally & Ash) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



The Childress Family (Bill, Sally & Ash) - July 07, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 07, 2022 at 01:39 PM

CS

“ Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson



Craig Schaeffer - July 07, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 07, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Father - Large Memorial Stone was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 07, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.



July 07, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theora "Theo" F. Hodgson.*



July 07, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Fair Winds and Following Seas Brother. We have the watch.*
Louis Broccardo
SKC (SW/AW) USN Retired

Louie Broccardo - July 07, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Sympathy to all the Hodgson family. Bernie Sarff, Decatur*

Bernie Sarff - July 07, 2022 at 10:01 AM