



Milford Eugene Thieszen

August 27, 1949 - March 20, 2022

Milford Eugene Thieszen, age 72, a resident of Fort Collins, CO (a place he once described as 'paradise'), died peacefully in his home on March 20, 2022 after a 7 year struggle with cancer.

Milford was born in a small Mennonite community in Nebraska to Gustav and Anna Thieszen and attended Nebraska Christian High School in Central City where he met the love of his life, Sally. He then went to Grace Bible College in Omaha. On June 27, 1970, during their following tenure as students at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Milford & Sally were married. Milford graduated from Nebraska with a degree in Zoology. He went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1975 and to attend residency at the Weld County General Hospital (now NCMC) in Greeley from 1975-1978, where he was among the first Family Practice trained physicians.

Dr. Milford Thieszen was on the Poudre Valley Hospital staff for 26 years and was in group and solo practice for many years. He particularly enjoyed obstetrics, surgery and pediatrics. His last twelve years of practice were with the Veterans Administration in Cheyenne & Fort Collins. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and was certified and re-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine throughout his career. He was a gifted physician who was well loved by his patients, many of whom went to him for twenty years or more. He enjoyed medical mission trips to other countries with each of his children.

Milford was selfless, always caring for others more than himself and continually served those around him. He was a capable builder and felt most at home when working on a project. His joy was in his family and he was proud of his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed close friendships in long-term bible studies. He loved the outdoors and time in God's creation.

He is survived by Sally, his spouse of more than 50 years, his children John (Carmen) Thieszen, Anna (Will) Morris, and Mark (Lauren) Thieszen, and nine wonderful

grandchildren. He is also survived by three siblings; Verla, Twila and Elroy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gus and Anna and his brother, Don.

The family wishes to give special thanks to so many family friends and Discovery Fellowship members who have faithfully prayed for Milford throughout the seven years battling cancer.

A service will be held at Discovery Fellowship Church at 6630 Brittany Dr., Fort Collins, at 2pm on Thursday, March 24th.

Donations may be made to the Alpha Center in memory of Milford Thieszen.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Discovery Fellowship
6630 Brittany Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Love and prayers to you Sally, and your family. Saddened by Milford's journey and recent passing. What a wonderful man and doctor he was! Enjoyed seeing the both of you unexpectedly at Costco last year, or so. We always enjoyed talks about our families, even though that's been a few years ago. May God be gracious to you all, bring you comfort and encouragement. Prayers continue for you all.
With heartfelt sympathy.
Brice and Jeanne Miller

Jeanne Miller - March 26 at 11:00 AM

LS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Thieszen at the Fort Collins VA Clinic for several years, and truly, he was one of the kindest and most patient physicians I've ever worked with in a decades of working with doctors all over. He was a person who lived his strong faith via his compassion for patients and collegial manner with coworkers. A wonderful person who left this world too soon.

Lucky Skuja - March 25 at 11:54 AM

RC

“ Sally, John, Mark, Anna, Spouses, and Grand Kids, our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. We are praying for comfort for you all. We have been blessed to have you as special friends for many years. We will miss Milford, but we know today he is in heaven, cancer-free, and likely singing his favorite hymns!

With all our Love, Rich & Cathy Cinkel

Rich Cinkel - March 24 at 02:49 PM

JA

“ I am greatly saddened by the news of Dr. Thieszen's death - this man was a Saint if there ever was one. He was a wonderful doctor to my parents, and to me as well. I was so sad when he left his private practice (years ago), but happy for the VA, knowing they needed great doctors for our vets. They sure got one with him. I have several stories of him from taking my father for his visits-- and one that sticks out for me is when dad was 93 and in a nursing home after an illness. I took him for his appointment, and told Dr. Thieszen that I wanted him to know that I had a little bottle of whiskey tucked away in his closet, as Dad and I would have a small little 'nip' when I visited in the afternoons after work. Dr. Thieszen looked at me for a second, asked me what kind of whiskey he liked, and wrote me a prescription to give to the nursing staff at the home. His comment was: "... The man is 93. If he wants a sip of whiskey, he should HAVE it.”



God bless this man. I loved him. He was compassionate and caring beyond words, the finest of doctors, and a great humanitarian. I've used him as a 'measuring stick' for every doctor I've seen since. They simply don't come any better.

Please accept my deepest sympathies on his passing.

--Jan Avery

Jan Avery - March 23 at 03:25 PM

BK

“ What a great loss! My condolences to Dr. Thieszen's family. He was an amazing family physician and my husband and I were lucky to meet him back in 1979 and we had him as our family physician for many years. We loved his sense of humor, his holistic approach to medicine, and his keen mind. We went through a lot as a young family with some very difficult health concerns and when Dr. Thieszen greeted us at our appointments it was with genuine concern and compassion. We used to run into him from time to time out and about in Ft. Collins when it was still a small town and he would always stop and chat. What a wonderful human and I'm sorry the world has lost him but know he is at rest and glad he can be free of pain. Sincerely, Bonnie and Ray Kemp

Bonnie and Ray Kemp - March 23 at 01:09 AM

KH

“ I'm so sad to hear about the passing of Dr Theiszen. He was my family's doctor and sometimes a good friend to talk to. He delivered alot of our family's babies and continued to care for them to adulthood. He cared for my dad after being diagnosed with parkinson's disease. It was hard to say goodbye when he went to work in Wyoming but he was looking forward to it. I cried when leaving his going away party. He was missed so much and will be missed now. My prayers to his family and may God give you peace.

Kerri Holmes - March 22 at 08:22 PM



Trenton
Hays

“ Dr. Thieszen was the BEST Family and VA Doctor I every had. He was always up front with me and did not sugar coat anything, told it like it was - good or bad! He helped me through some very rough times medically. He had a great sense of humor which went along with my very warped sense of humor. He was My doctor for several decades.

When I had my gall bladder surgery, he caught me writing on a strip of surgical tape "Caution Noxious Fumes" and was placing it on my stomach - his comment was I would expect nothing less from you, we laughed about it - not sure if we left it for the surgeon to see. When He became my VA Doctor the first visit was very interesting, I am in the examination room and he walks in looks at me and said " I knew it had to be you"! We picked up where we had left off in the past and the nurse of assistant said Doctor this is a new patient, his comment was "Not Really".

RIP Dr. Thieszen and may GOD Bless You and Your family during this sad and difficult time - You were a great friend!

Your Friend and Patient, Captain Trent Hays (US Army, Ret)

J Trenton Hays - March 22 at 12:15 PM

MM

“ So sorry to see the death of Milford. I have very fond memories of him, Sally and the family many years ago at First Baptist Church. What a wonderful thought to know that he's seen Jesus face to face, but I know first hand the grief of losing a spouse and father that was so dear to you. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all.

Margery Moeller - March 21 at 04:28 PM