



## Paul J. Thonis

July 12, 1927 - December 30, 2022

TOWNSEND: Paul Joseph Thonis, 95, formerly of Townsend, Leominster and Fitchburg, passed away at Hyder House in Dover, NH, on December 30, 2022 due to complications of dementia.

Paul celebrated his 95th birthday on July 12th of this year.

He served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, retiring in 1965. He then went on to help open and manage three different McDonald's restaurants in the northeast, before working for many years for NEBS in Townsend, MA as a shipping supervisor.

Paul enjoyed reading westerns and military type books, bowling, and making and painting decorations and birdhouses from wood. He also enjoyed cutting and selling cordwood with his former neighbor, Don Cowan, many years ago. He was a Boy Scout leader for several years in Townsend.

He was pre deceased by his wife of 45 years, Yvonne, in 2002, his son, John in 2005, and his daughter, Mary Thonis Duncan and her husband Dan, both in 2011, his daughter in law Margaret Thonis (Tom's former wife), as well as his parents, Michael and Mary, brothers James, George and Anthony, and sisters Helen and Anna. He is survived by his daughter, Cathy Thonis Emmons and her husband George of South Berwick, ME, his son ,Tom Thonis and his wife

Brenda of Rindge, NH, his 11 granddaughters, Abbie Sinclair, Sarah Gale, Jessica Barger and Lexi Thonis, (Tom's children); Brettan Middleton, Brandyn Sharos, Brielle Auguste, Sophia Thonis, (John's children) and Shannon Emmons and Hannah Emmons (Cathy's children), several great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his long-time partner, Esther Forget of Fitchburg.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, January 9, 2023 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Interment with military honors will follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Paul's family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation period 9:30 AM -10:30 AM Monday January 9, 2023 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Man Street, Townsend Center.

For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

31 Highland St Townsend  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

JAN 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church  
1 School St  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Paul J. Thonis.*



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“ *Mr. Thonis was my first of many supervisors at NEBS. He was responsible for hiring me, guiding me through the work process of my first full time job.. He sometimes was like a father to me, protecting me from situations that arose but on the other hand letting me know where I stood in my job. I have always thought of Mr. Thonis and hoped he was doing well. Rest Peacefully, your job here is compete. Til we meet again.*

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**Denice Shattuck** - December 31, 2022 at 07:52 PM



*I'm sure that his daughter-in- law Margaret Swensen Thonis was with Yvonne at Heaven's gate to welcome you home.*

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**Mary Lee Ridings** - January 01, 2023 at 09:35 AM