



## John Henry Thele

January 23, 1942 - August 20, 2022

John Henry Thele, 80, of Leopold, MO died Saturday, August 20, 2022 at his residence.

He was born January 23, 1942 in Leopold, MO to Henry Thele and Mathilda (Koenig) Thele.

He and Myrtle Thele were married and she survives of the home.

He was a Carpenter and that was his greatest joy. He first worked as a burger flipper at Steak and Shake. He then went to work at the pallet factory in Marble Hill before going to work for Herman Arnzen Construction. He then opened a construction business with his brother Kenny before going out on his own.

He was a member of St Johns Catholic Church in Leopold.

Survivors include four sons, John W. Thele, Jeff (Michele) Thele, Tim (April) Thele, Jimmy (Crystal) Thele; three daughters, Cindy Thele, Tracy (Jon) Bragg, Ashley (Jason) Thompson; three step-daughters, Daphne (Billy) Allen, Sheree Daniels, and Kam Bounds; step-son, Randy Ratcliff; 28 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two Brothers, Bob Thele, Kenny Thele; and two sisters, Judy Stause, and Elevelyn (Boss) Connor.

He was preceded in death by one Step-Son, Michael Stevens; mother, Matilda Thele; father, Henry Thele; four Brothers, Bill (Slim) Thele, Rich Thele, Jake Thele, Harry Thele; four Sisters, Marcella Jentsch, Juletta Thele, Gerlene Trentham, and Imogene Carter; two previous wives, Nettie Surface, and Shirley Bollinger.

Friends may visit 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at Ford & Liley Funeral Home in Marble Hill.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at St. John's Catholic Church in Leopold with the Father Antony Thekkanath officiating.

Burial will be at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Leopold.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Ford & Liley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Catholic Cemtery

Leopold, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Liley Funeral Home - Marble Hill  
410 Union St.  
Marble Hill, MO 63764

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Liley Funeral Home - Marble Hill  
410 Union St.  
Marble Hill, MO 63764

## Funeral Mass

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
Leopold, MO 63760

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Uncle John was a great man and sweet uncle. I couldn't believe it when he came to STL to put siding on our property. He was supposed to be teaching us, but did most of the work himself with my mom's help while Bill and I were at work during the day. Just like him! Then he wouldn't hardly take anything. That's just the way he was! Kind, loving and helpful to everyone. He will be greatly missed!

Donna Lewis - August 23, 2022 at 05:21 PM

CT

Thank you for your beautiful memory of our dad. You're right. He was kind and helpful to anyone who needed it. We miss him terribly. We love you, Donna!

Cindy Thele - September 14, 2022 at 01:11 PM

LC

“ Love Doug and Sharon Carr purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Henry Thele.



Love Doug and Sharon Carr - August 23, 2022 at 10:59 AM

DZ

“ I am so sorry about your dad. I'll always remember trying to get him to stop smoking. He was a great man and the best house builder you could tell he took pride in it. He will be missed. From Diann Zoellner

Diann Zoellner - August 23, 2022 at 08:48 AM

CT

*Thank you for your beautiful memories of our dad. He did finally quit smoking 20 years ago! He was so glad he quit. He talked about how happy he was that he quit because he knew he wouldn't have been here on this earth as long as he had been if he hadn't quit smoking. We were blessed to have him for 80 years. And you're right about being the best house builder. He was definitely the best! He took pride in everything he built and made sure it was darn near perfect. He is greatly missed but is now enjoying heaven. And that's what brings us consolation.*

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**Cindy Thele** - September 14, 2022 at 01:17 PM