

Clifford Thieneman Sr

June 26, 1934 - August 19, 2025

Clifford Thieneman, Sr., 91, went home to his heavenly father on August 19, 2025.

Cliff graduated from Flaget in 1952, and after working a couple years at the Peaslee Gaulbert Corporation in Louisville, he and his twin brother, Clinton, started their own construction business, C & C builders in 1955. In 1964 Cliff started his own company, Clifford Thieneman Company, Inc., building single-family and multi-family housing, as well as several commercial buildings. He, along with partners, has developed several subdivision communities in Jefferson County. Some of these include Gagel Park, Cloverleaf, Windsor Lakes, Yorktown South, Auburndale Gardens, and Oak Valley Estates. Along with several of his brothers, he was involved in the development of Saratoga Springs and Saratoga Estates, Forest Springs and Forest Springs North, as well as various other subdivisions, and apartment complexes, including several shopping centers. Along with all this building, Cliff has been very involved with the Home Builders Association of Louisville. He served on various committees and has served on the board of directors at various times. He co-chaired and has built in numerous Homeramas. He was named builder of the year in 1991. In 2000 he was named as an honorary lifetime member. He has served on the local appeals board for the building code department

since 1966.

Cliff's civic involvement has included such things as a volunteer in the Valley Sports Little League, being a sponsor of many baseball teams, and served as a director on their board. He has used his expertise in the building industry by being an advisor to the Detrick Vocational School for their construction trades area. He served as commissioner on the Louisville Jefferson County planning and zoning commission from 1990 to 1999. During that time he was Chairman of the Land development and transportation committee, and also served on the Cornerstone 2020 project committee, developing the scope of land used for the next century. Cliff's life has always included involvement and activities in his church. He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. He served on their athletic board and contributed much time and effort in all the spiritual and charitable events of the parish. He helped raise funds for the construction of a library and computer room for the church's school. He and his company remodeled the classrooms, adding new heating and air-conditioning units.

Cliff was married 40 years to Agnes, who passed away in 1994. He was married to his wife Lynn for 29 years. He enjoyed traveling and playing golf and gin at Audubon Country Club. He loved spending time with all his kids and grandkids, spoiling them with Jelly Beans. Cliff has been an example of integrity, loyalty, and devotion to his family, industry, and community.

Preceded in death by his wife Agnes, brothers and sisters Ray, Bob, Tom, Bill, Richard, Clint and Mary Helen, grandson Kyle Haywood.

Left behind to cherish his memory, wife Lynn (Givens), children Kathy Thieneman, Clifford "Pete" Thieneman Jr. (Donna), Karen Haywood, Kevin

Thieneman (Cindy), Kim Long (Mike), Heather Jackson (David), brother Leo Thieneman (Shirley), sister Martha Stuber, eighteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be Friday August 22, 2025, at 10:00am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, 5505 New Cut Road, Louisville KY with burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 1:00-8:00pm at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY 40205
(502) 451-7710

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

AUG 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Caramel
5505 New Cut Rd.
Louisville, KY

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I pressed "send" on my tribute to Cliff a few minutes ago without a good story. At age 73 I can't remember what I had for breakfast but I have a head full of good stories.

My parents negotiated with the Thienemans 63 years ago for 8410 Summerhaven Court, a newly-built 4 bedroom home on the old Thieneman farm off West Pages Lane. It was a twin of another home built 1000 feet away, both empty awaiting buyers.

The reason these two houses remained unsold was their exterior brick: bright orange. My mom said they looked like they were constructed from stacked pumpkins. The truth behind it was probably that the Thieneman brothers got a hot close-out deal on some unpopular bricks.

But my mom, Mary Ellen Koch Olson, a now-departed free spirit, told my dad that she could learn to love that orange brick: "it will make Halloween a special time in our house". And it did. Halloween is still my favorite.

But what squelched the sale was an architectural flaw involving an overly large closet in the master bedroom that prevented furniture from entering the room.

About a week after the house deal fell apart one of the Thieneman brothers invited my dad to take a second look at it. "Bring your checkbook because you're buying a house today."

The Thienemans had custom-built a dresser and two bedside overnight stands in the bedroom using left over kitchen cabinet parts. They even finished the items to look like real furniture.

My parents raised 4 kids and a slew of dogs in that house.

You read a lot in the media about the woes of today's housing market. The problem with the housing market is that the Thieneman

*brothers are in Heaven instead of down here building starter homes.
They were very good at that.*

*Jim Olson, Jr.
Indianapolis, IN*

Jim Olson, Jr - August 22, 2025 at 11:48 AM

JJ

“ *I grew up on Summerhaven Court in Pleasure Ridge a few houses
away from Cliff and his brothers. All great guys!*

*If Thienemans could fly Summerhaven Court would have been an
airport and West Pages Lane its runway.*

My condolences to Cliff's family, my childhood playmates.

*Jim Olson, Jr.
Indianapolis, IN*

Jim Olson, Jr. - August 22, 2025 at 09:47 AM

LT

“ *Love, The Tuckers purchased the Arrive in Style
for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.*



Love, The Tuckers - August 21, 2025 at 11:26 AM

KF

“ *Rest in Peace Clifford. Always enjoyed seeing Clifford and family at
Kern's Korner when they came in for lunch. A very nice man
Bob Kern*

Kern Family - August 21, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

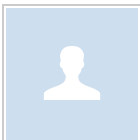


August 21, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

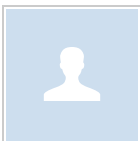
August 21, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



August 21, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

August 21, 2025 at 09:44 AM

BL

“ BIA of Greater Louisville purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



BIA of Greater Louisville - August 21, 2025 at 09:37 AM

BL

“ BIA of Greater Louisville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

BIA of Greater Louisville - August 21, 2025 at 09:37 AM

TG

“ Teresa Geary purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



Teresa Geary - August 21, 2025 at 08:55 AM

TG

“ Teresa Geary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

Teresa Geary - August 21, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.*



August 21, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

August 20, 2025 at 10:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.*



August 20, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ *Judi and Chris DeMarco purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.*



Judi and Chris DeMarco - August 20, 2025 at 08:45 PM

JD

“ Judi and Chris DeMarco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

Judi and Chris DeMarco - August 20, 2025 at 08:45 PM

BK

“ Brenton & Kristen Klein purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



Brenton & Kristen Klein - August 20, 2025 at 07:07 PM

BK

“ Brenton & Kristen Klein planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

Brenton & Kristen Klein - August 20, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



August 20, 2025 at 07:05 PM

LC

“ Love, Penny, Daniel and Katherine Crain purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



Love, Penny, Daniel and Katherine Crain - August 20, 2025 at 07:00 PM

BM

“ Brenda, Mary, Leo and Mike purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



Brenda, Mary, Leo and Mike - August 20, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



August 20, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



August 20, 2025 at 04:12 PM

KZ

“ Kathy Z. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

Kathy Z. - August 20, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



August 20, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clifford Thieneman Sr.

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



August 20, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clifford Thieneman Sr.



August 20, 2025 at 01:47 PM