Henry "Hank" Arthur Thurlo

March 20, 1939 - April 12, 2025

Henry “Hank” Arthur Thurlo, age 86, of Brookfield, MO; passed away peacefully Saturday afternoon, April 12, 2025, surrounded by his family at Life Care Center in Brookfield, MO.

Hank was born on March 20, 1939, the only child to the late Arthur Gale and Pearle Mae (Hoselton) Thurlo in Browning, MO. Hank attended Liberty High School in Browning, MO; and graduated with the class of 1957.

Hank was drafted in to the United States Army and he did his basic training in Colorado Springs, CO; before being shipped off to South Korea where he served as a helicopter mechanic from 1961 until 1963. When he returned home to the family farm west of Browning, he worked as a mechanic and farmer. On the family farm he raised cattle and did row cropping.

In August of 1973, Hank married Nelda Jane Creason in rule Sullivan County, MO; and to this union they had one daughter Jody. Then on November 2, 1982, he married Karen Foster in Browning, MO. she survives of the home.

In his younger years, Hank was a member of the United Methodist Church in Browning. He built his own car out of a 1952 Ford with an Oldsmobile motor, he used 3 junked cars to build it. Rumor has it, it was fast. Hank also made his very own 3-wheeler by using a Harley Davison motorcycle. He was an extraordinary mechanic. Hank owned and operated his own mechanic shop and wrecker service. For many years he worked for the Linn County Road and Bridge department, and built many of the local bridges on our county roads.

Hank is survived by his wife Karen of the home, one daughter, Jody Belzer

and husband Tony of Brookfield, MO; one step-daughter, Brenda Foster of Brookfield, MO; one grandson, Jase Thurlo; two step-grandchildren, Daniel Foster and Paula Foster.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Pearle Thurlo.

There are no scheduled services. Arrangements are under the direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Tribute Wall

RP

My sincere condolences to Karen and family and Jody and family.

Hank was a good friend and mentor when I was younger. Working in the shop he was always willing to share his knowledge about working on a car or a piece of equipment. Working for him building bridges he taught me how to weld and use a cutting torch. I always enjoyed our afternoon conversations. We talked about anything and everything.

Hank, thank you for all the help you gave me over the years.
May you rest in peace.

Roy Peters

Roy Peters - April 16, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JK

Shortly after our Mother and Hank were married, the three of us moved to the Thurlo family farm west of Browning just off state Hwy ZZ. It was my first experience living in the country! I loved exploring on the farm and often could be found in the shop where Hank and Harry Bill Rhodes were always tinkering with something. Hank was known as the BEST mechanic around and worked on vehicles and farm equipment for many people over the years... I remember Hank and Harry Bill would leave to get parts but sometimes got a little side tracked...

I could often be found in Hank's shop sweeping the floors and helping put tools back where they belong. One day Hank saw me checking out his old Honda motorcycle and within a day or two he had it running, gave me a few quick instructions, and turned me loose! Oh what fun I had! I'm not certain mom and Hank knew I was going to Rocky Ford, Fields Mill, and Browning but I don't think they ever asked.

When I got my drivers license Hank let me drive an old Pontiac and occasionally his bright red truck with Hank's Repair printed on the door. Man that truck had some power!

Thank you Hank for the wheels! I always appreciated your generosity and enjoyed your great sense of humor with that thunderous laugh. You will be missed by many. RIP my friend...

Condolences to Karen & her family, Jody, Tony, and Jase, & other relatives.

Janell Keithley - April 14, 2025 at 11:50 PM

LH

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to Jody & Tony and the rest of the family , may he rest in peace . Linda & Lonnie Hensley

Linda Hensley - April 14, 2025 at 07:19 PM

LA

I wish to extend heartfelt condolences to Jody, Jase, Karen, and all family and friends of Hank.

Seeing his photo brought back many memories. I remember Mom's joyfulness when meeting Hank. She was smitten with his smile, his strength, his sense of humor, and mostly his country charm.

I remember his kindness to my brother, sister, and me. I will always be especially grateful to him for the time and courtesy he shared with my brother, Rick. Remembering so well the two of them working on cars and trucks, side-by-side.

Also remembering when I had no father to walk me down the aisle, I asked Hank. He and Mom were not yet married and I knew he was a little apprehensive about it. But he did and was gracious and kind and I appreciated that so much.
Much like the grace and thoughtfulness his mom, Pearl, showed us.

The greatest blessing from Mom and Hank, of course, was little Jody, and later, precious Jase. Born months premature, only doll clothes would fit Jody. Mom and Hank beamed with pride and joy for their tiny baby girl.

So, Hank, after Mom has a visit with you, I pray this message reaches you. Thank you for your kindness to my brother, sister, and me.
May you always Rest In Peace.

Lana - April 14, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DM

My condolences to the family.

Darla Miller - April 14, 2025 at 05:58 PM