



## George Joseph Thurnher Jr.

April 11, 2023

George J. Thurnher, Jr., 76, of Woodbridge, Virginia, died on April 11, 2023, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

A proud New Yorker born in Queens, he was a diehard Yankees and Giants fan. After graduating from Chaminade High School, Mineola, New York, he attended Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. When at BC, he was a member of the Lewis Drill Team, making many lifelong friends. Later, he received a master's degree from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

He retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Major after a 20-year career as a Military Policeman, with assignments in Korea, Germany, and various U.S. posts. His second career was as a physical security specialist in many locations throughout Northern Virginia and Washington, DC.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the late George J. Thurnher, Sr. and the late Azzie Lee Thurnher.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Myrna; son, Jeffrey Thurnher (Rachel) of Fayetteville, North Carolina; daughter, Kristin Florin (Carl) of Arlington, Virginia; five grandchildren (Zachary and Ryan Thurnher; and Oscar, Azzie, and Matilda Florin); and brother, Charles Thurnher (Adele) of Manhattan Beach, California. His memory will be cherished by his many cousins, nieces, and nephews. George's legendary storytelling prowess will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

The family will receive visitors from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 28, 2023, at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Boulevard, Woodbridge, Virginia 22192. A remembrance ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. A reception will take place at the family home following the ceremony. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



# Cemetery Details

**Arlington National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-878-CARE (2273)  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

### Memorial Service

APR 28. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EH

“ Dear Myrna, I just looked through the remembrances and realized that we've been so preoccupied with things, including preparing to be with you at the funeral home that we neglected to add our contribution to these memories. Where to start? Obviously, Greg knew George at Chaminade and then BC, and I know he has memories of their times at BC with the Lewis Drill Team. My first memories of the 2 of you involved my visits to your Mom's house on Chelsea Street, talking about our then boyfriends and wondering what the future would hold. I'm not sure either of us could have imagined what was to be. Graduations, weddings, moving on with our lives and children ... and we always managed to keep in touch, no matter where we were ... and this long before anyone could have imagined the web and social media! We treasure all the times we spent with you and George, and that won't end now that he's not there to control the TV remote or take pot shots at your and Greg's sports teams! The winery visits, joining your walking group at Potomac Mills when we were in town, spring training games, and your magnificent 50th anniversary celebration were some of the highlights. one very special moment for me was when you were in Boston for your brother Eddie's funeral and took the time to drive out to Rhode Island and visit Greg when he was in the Rehab Center after his brain tumor surgery. We look forward to seeing you on Friday. Lots of love!

Elaine E Horton - April 27, 2023 at 04:27 PM

AR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Alan Ross - April 19, 2023 at 02:12 PM

MT

Beautiful, Mr. Ross. Thank you so much.

Myrna Thurnher - April 19, 2023 at 04:08 PM

SR

“ Has it really been 57 years since I introduced you two love birds? Funny, my memories of our time at BC seem sharper than those of much more recent events. During visits with George at Walter Reed I was reminded of how much humor he brought to every situation and how much lighter a I felt after each visit. George you are missed. I'll do my best to keep your humor and calming presence alive.

Stephen J. Riordan - April 19, 2023 at 12:17 PM

MT

56...you convinced him to ask me to the drill team election banquet..

Myrna Thurnher - April 19, 2023 at 04:11 PM

M1

“ We had good times at BC and for many years after! I was proud to be your bridesmaid and witness your love. Celebrating your 50th with you and your family was a wonderful celebration! I wish you peace!

Mary Mulvoy Lofty BC 1969 - April 15, 2023 at 12:00 PM

MT

Thank you.

Myrna Thurnher - April 15, 2023 at 08:24 PM

KG

“ Dear Myrna, I'm not sure when you started dating George at BC but you were an awesome and loving couple then. You remained so in your life, in your friendships, in your travels. I'm so sorry for your loss. Please let me know the next time you travel north. Kathy, GLS'65, BC '69

Kathleen Gilligan - April 15, 2023 at 11:38 AM

MT

April 28, 1967..1st date.

Myrna Thurnher - April 19, 2023 at 04:12 PM

BK

“ With the Saints, give rest oh God, to the soul of your servant, George, where there is no sickness, nor sorrow, nor pain, but life everlasting. Ahem. Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah. Memory eternal. Myrna, so sorry for you and your family. I know he will be greatly missed.

Barbara and Ken - April 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM

MG

“ Dear Myrna, I can't even describe how sorry I am for you and your family. George was an amazing man and always so kind when he had to sit there listening to us talk. I'm paying for you and your family. Your love and memories will bring you comfort.

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**Meg Gruber** - April 11, 2023 at 06:44 PM

ZR

I met George in Washington DC 2006 and it was an instant connection. We both served in the US Army and both had careers in law enforcement. What a good man. My heart has been shattered at the loss of my former supervisor and what feels like a lifetime friend. I met his wonderful wife Myrna and that was all it took, family forever! I was scared to death years back when I went to see George at Walter Reed not knowing what to expect or what I would see hence, hesitantly I walked in. Well just like my boss, a big smile was on his face as he sat up in bed, cool, calm and in control, "Hey Zee". My anxiety was wiped clean with that smile and we laughed and joked just like we used to at work. God knows Max and I will miss him and I will forever be grateful for the friendship we shared. The great New Year's parties will be cherished for years to come. George and Myrna comforted me when I joined that awful cancer club but he never once let me forget how wonderful life with friends and family made things so much happier. No more suffering dear friend and know that you live in my heart. May God bless Myrna, Jeff, Kristen and grandchildren through this heart breaking time. Always here, your friend Zee

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**Zeinab Rabold** - April 26, 2023 at 08:04 PM