



## Richard "Dick" Henry Thomson

March 30, 2025

Richard "Dick" Henry Thomson, born in 1938 in Lena, Wisconsin, to Earl and Alice Thomson, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on March 30, 2025.

He was one of six children—sibling to Eileen, Donald, Mary Lynn, David, and Joyce. Dick graduated as valedictorian from Lena High School, proudly never missing a single day of class. In 1960, he left his hometown to attend the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in accounting in 1965.

He accepted a position with the U.S. Forest Service as a financial manager and went on to serve as a dedicated public servant for the federal government for 30 years. He retired in 1993 as Assistant Director of Finance in Washington, D.C.

While living in Virginia, Dick met and married the love of his life, Marsha Larson, and embraced her two children, Robin and Shawn, as his own. Together, they made a home in Lake Ridge, Virginia, where they lived happily until Marsha's passing in 2008.

Dick was deeply involved in his community. He served as president of the Friends of the Potomac Library (Smoketown Branch) for 27 years. He was

also a talented bass singer, lending his voice to the Lake Ridge Chorale and the choir at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church for a combined 25 years. One of his most cherished memories was singing with the church choir at the Vatican.

Dick became ill in November 2024 and passed in March 2025 after a courageous battle.

He is survived by his daughter, Robin Smith of Lake Ridge, Virginia, and his son, Shawn Fasbender of Adams, Minnesota; six grandchildren: Zachary Smith of Moore, Oklahoma; Cody Fasbender of Clearfield, Utah; Nicole McMahan of Centreville, Virginia; Dylan, Logan, and Colton Fasbender, all of Adams, Minnesota; three sisters and one brother. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Alice Thomson, and his brother, Donald Thomson.

Dick also leaves behind two beloved cats, Chloe and Loki.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 23 at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Dick will be laid to rest in Lena, Wisconsin, on May 29, 2025, beside his beloved wife, on what would have been their 49th wedding anniversary.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
12807 Valleywood Drive  
Lake Ridge, VA 22192  
<https://setonlakeridge.org/>

## Reception

APR 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church - Fellowship Hall  
12807 Valleywood Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ John Hood and Dumfries Library Staff purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Richard "Dick" Henry Thomson.



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**John Hood and Dumfries Library Staff** - April 22, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Henry Thomson.



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April 14, 2025 at 07:58 PM

BS

“ Dear Robin and Shawn,

*I have known Dick for approximately twenty years, having originally met him as part of the SEAS' choir. During the choir's Italy trip, many years ago, my wife June and I shared many meals and wonderful experiences with Dick and Marsha, including singing at the Vatican and for Mass at several beautiful Italian churches; this was the beginning of a wonderful friendship. Parenthetically, when Marsha passed, the SEAS choir sang at her funeral in her Presbyterian Church as a result of my suggestion (which was somewhat "radical" at the time). For fifteen years, Dick was part of a Catholic men's group that met in my home weekly to discuss the great Catholic books, the great theologians, to read and discuss the New Testament and parts of the Old Testament, and to fellowship and share refreshments. Our group read through the New Testament three times over the years, each member reading aloud a chapter, and the group then collectively discussing it. Dick's knowledge of the scriptures was very impressive, as was his ability to decipher complex passages. He had a great deal of wisdom in the form of what my mom called "horse sense." Often, when the group was puzzled about the meaning of a complex passage, Dick would offer what was invariably a logical solution.*

*In conclusion, I pray that God will bless you with wonderful memories of Dick Thomson's life. His example and influence were great. I share in your feeling of sadness at his passing, but we and all who have known and loved him can take comfort in the knowledge that Dick has fought the good fight and has finished the race. He has kept the faith. Now he has received a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, has awarded him (adapted from 2 Timothy 4: 7-8). In Christ, Bob Shuffett*

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**Bob Shuffett** - April 11, 2025 at 10:57 PM

MB

“ Dear Robin and Shawn,  
My condolences on the passing of your father. I benefitted greatly from the decade I spent with him every Monday night at our men's group. I admired Dick's love of God, made evident by a rare combination of knowledge, wisdom, and humor. Also evident was his love for and dedication to your mom and you. We will great miss him.

Sincerely,  
Michael Bingham

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Michael Bingham - April 11, 2025 at 09:39 PM

SR

*Dear Robin and Shawn,*

*My condolences on the passing of Dick - mere words cannot convey the deepness of the sorrow you are experiencing.*

*Dick and I go back to the days of our membership in the SEAS Choir - he a bass and I a tenor. We both became fast friends, and when the church choir dissolved, we both went on to share our singing talents with the Celebration Singers, a community chorus. When we found out that tuxedos were required for performances, we both made a trip to Men's Wearhouse for a fitting and shared the bill (I believe Dick put some of my purchases on his credit card).*

*Our relationship also included attendance at a number of games at Nats Park. Dick was always up for the games and was deep into the field strategy of the of the teams. He was very knowledgeable about the game, and we would share historical antidotes about current and past players. Dick was a joy to be with.*

*I would also be remiss if I didn't mention all the Super Bowl get-togethers and summer pool parties to which he graciously invited me.*

*More importantly, Dick was an integral part of a Monday evening Catholic men's group that met at Robert and June Shuffett's home. There is much I received from Dick in those discussions covering the great theologians and doctors of the Church. Dick's knowledge, wisdom and even humor regarding sacred scripture were usually a highlight of evening and were an immeasurable influence on both me and the group members. (It must be said that we all brought food for the meetings, but Dick's contributions food-wise were exceptional since they were occasionally leftovers from the Old Hickory Golf Club.)*

*Dick was a shining example of the Catholic man that I mightily strived to be. In the years that I knew him, his Christian example has truly made a difference in my life. I thank God that I had the privilege of knowing, singing, praying and studying with him. He was, as they say, one of a kind and I will truly miss him.*

*Rest in eternal peace, Dick.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steve Rodkey*

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**Steve Rodkey** - April 15, 2025 at 02:00 PM