



## Agnes Marie Thiltgen

July 28, 1929 - January 10, 2017

Agnes Marie Thiltgen, daughter of the late Herman Seiler and Caroline (Houselog) Seiler, was born July 28, 1929 in Zwingle, Iowa. She grew up and worked the family farm along with her father, mother, and her brothers and sisters. She attended school at the Franklin School in Zwingle, Iowa.

On November 18, 1948 in LaMotte, Iowa, Agnes was united in marriage to Harry Anthony Thiltgen. They were blessed with seven children and remained in Iowa until 1963 when the family moved to the Newburg, Missouri area. Agnes and Harry operated the Onyx Mountain Caverns for several years.

Agnes was a devoted mother, who spent her life caring for her children, and grandchildren at the family home. She enjoyed preparing meals grown from the family garden, as well as baking many delightful deserts. Agnes was known by her family, friends, and other visitors to the home, as a person who loved all children. In her spare time, she enjoyed going to flea markets to set up and sell items as well as to search for the perfect cookie jar or salt and pepper shakers to add to her collection.

Agnes was a devoted Catholic, who was a long time member of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church. She was a member of the Pulaski County Historical Society and she also volunteered for Good Samaritans Resource Center to help needy families.

Agnes passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2017 while at the Rolla Manor Care Center of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of eighty-seven years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Agnes leaves to cherish her memory, her seven children: Margie Perney (William) of Newburg, MO, Eugene Thiltgen (Claudine) of Dixon, MO, Wayne Thiltgen of Claremore, OK, Marilyn Miller (Lonnie) of Newburg, MO, Dale Thiltgen (Pat) of Waynesville, MO, Carol Coward of Newburg, MO and Mark Thiltgen (Brenda) of Newburg, MO; twelve grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; one

brother: Harvey Seiler of LaMotte, IA; three sisters: Edith Decker of Dubuque, IA, Mary Decker of Sherrill, IA and Betty Barth (Jim) of Dubuque, IA; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Agnes was preceded in death by three sisters: Anna, Ada, and Clara; and two brothers: Carl and Joseph.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church of St. Robert, Missouri with Father John Groner officiating. Serving as lectors were Joann Rosipal and Chuck Kremer. Assisting Father Groner were Charlotte Voudrie and Betty Rabbit. Music was provided by organist Evelyn Horine and soloist Mike Beattie. Serving as escorts were Andrew Armstrong, Kyle Thiltgen, Bryan Coward, Chris Thiltgen, Paul Kremer and Anthony Thiltgen. Serving as honorary escorts were Chris, Edward, David and Frank Kremer.

Burial followed in the Resurrection Cemetery of St. Robert, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery

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## Resurrection Cemetery

367 Old Route 66  
St. Robert, MO, 65584

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St.  
Robert  
202 Historic 66 W., Waynesville, MO, US, 65583

**JAN** **Prayer Service** 07:00PM

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Robert  
202 Historic 66 W., Waynesville, MO, US, 65583

**JAN** **Service** 11:00AM

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St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church  
367 Old Route 66, St. Robert, MO, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 19, 2017 at 09:58 AM

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“ Lois Tudor lit a candle in memory of Agnes Marie Thiltgen



**Lois Tudor** - February 08, 2017 at 11:33 PM



“ Rest in Heaven. You will be missed by those who knew you. My condolences to your family.

**Lois Tudor** - February 08, 2017 at 11:34 PM

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“ Wayne Thiltgen is following this tribute.

**Wayne Thiltgen** - January 21, 2017 at 11:59 AM

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“ Mother's don't come any better than my Mother-(Agnes Thiltgen) her and my Father Harry Thiltgen taught me values that have served me well in my life-Wayne Thiltgen-  
"Son"



**wayne d thiltgen** - January 21, 2017 at 11:56 AM

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“ Elizabeth Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Agnes Marie Thiltgen



Elizabeth Carpenter - January 18, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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“ Asking the good Lord to surround the entire family during the loss of their beloved Agnes. I met the family while working at the Bank of Crocker & it was always MY pleasure to serve your needs & to see her come in with one of her kids to tend to business..... goodness she loved you all equally & with total devotion as a mother - she LIVED for her family. God be with you during your time of sadness. Godspeed Mrs. Thiltgen.

Elizabeth Carpenter - January 18, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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“ The Church Foundation In My Life

I gave thought to the fact that the foundations of my life are leaving this earth, more rapidly. Several key figures in my life have taken their place with our Lord Jesus Christ, the most recent being Agnes Thiltgen.

My life has always been focused around the Catholic Church, with St. Robert Bellarmine Church being its starting point. Growing up several key families were a part of my life including: The Wesley Family, The Rosipal Family, The Bogad Family, The Campeau Family, The Thiltgen Family, The Wilking Family, The Bohr Family, The Ferris Family, The Weatherly Family, The Schomer Family, The LaMountain Family, and many others. Monsignor Sommer and all our past priests played no small role in my faith formation as well. The heads of these families (moms and dads) were foundational in my life and serve as pillars to my faith life. Many will ask how? The answer is by their lives and example each week.

Whether through their attendance at mass, volunteering in the community, serving on the Alter and Rosary Society, preparing for a wedding or funeral, serving as a Knight, teaching CCD; their lives gave me an example to strive toward. As an adult, I still look back fondly on the times they shared. Mostly, these times were at mass on Sunday, or at a church related function. Not always were they faith related, but they always seemed to tie back to that faith. I remember fishing with Harry or Mr. Campeau. I remember Tootsie Roll drives. I remember Polka parties and dancing. I spent most of my childhood weekends at the Rosipal's home. I remember stern looks from Monsignor Sommers. Most of all I remember a caring adult role model, in each of these individuals.

These individuals were/are authentic in their lives and how they interacted with me,

and my family. I remember going to the Tiltgen's for fun nights on the weekend, cave exploring with Harry, pear picking, etc. I also remember Agnes spanking me with a sauce pan, when she was babysitting me, while mom and dad were out of town. My kids and I remember Agnes coming to my parents to visit, with my Godmother Marilyn. They didn't have to come see my parents, but they wanted to do so. Again, all these pillars in my life gave me examples to live up to. I still haven't spanked someone with a sauce pan. However, I have not been afraid to use my hand, and I thought about the pan.

I guess what I am saying is that I hope that the families I interact with at church can see me and my family as a pillar. Almost every year of my life, I have taken a picture with my family in front of St. Robert Bellarmine Church. My faith was formed there and continues from there. It grows each day thanks to these same pillars from my life. I hope and want to be that authentic Catholic role model to the future Catholics I encounter. This will be my tribute to these pillars from my childhood and throughout my life.

God grant them peace and eternal rest and may his perpetual light shine upon them. I hope one day to see each of them in Heaven, thank them, and show them the individuals I brought too.

**Ed Kremer** - January 17, 2017 at 11:20 PM

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“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 16, 2017 at 08:40 AM

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“ Sorry for our loss of a family member. We were planning on coming down but the weather just didn't sound very good so we decided not to come Will have a Mass said for her . Love Mary Decker

**Mary Decker** - January 15, 2017 at 01:44 PM

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“ Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Agnes Marie Thiltgen



**marge scott** - January 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM

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“ Condolences to your family.  
Larry and Mary Kay (paisley) Nielsen.



**mary kay nielsen** - January 14, 2017 at 01:41 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I appreciated the way your mom always supported the church. I enjoyed seeing her at the fish fry each year. May God rest her soul. May your family find peace in love and fellowship of those around you. Cynthia Morgan, CPA

**Cynthia Morgan** - January 14, 2017 at 12:01 PM

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“ I was pretty young and Harry and Agnes had already moved to MO so i did not get to spend much time with them but still remember them coming to Family gatherings i am Arthur the second youngest of the Fairbanks Family but i want to offer my deepest condolences to the Family my Cousins may God Comfort you and Be close to you in this time of Loss Rest in Peace in Heaven walk those streets of Gold Aunt Agnes

**Arthur Fairbanks** - January 14, 2017 at 10:44 AM

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“ As a kid, I always looked forward to spending a vacation with Harry and Agnes on their farm in Iowa and again as an adult in Missouri. They were a good Aunt and Uncle to us always. I still miss them both. Jimmy Robbins and Joanne.

**Jim Robbins** - January 14, 2017 at 09:41 AM

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“ Annette & David Hinshaw lit a candle in memory of Agnes Marie Thiltgen



**Annette & David Hinshaw** - January 14, 2017 at 09:05 AM

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“ Agnes and Harry were great people. I have the fondest memories of the family, she and mom were great friends, and I will hold and cherish the memories of staying with them during my childhood during summer, RIP Agnes, you and Harry are back together in heaven, may your loved ones find peace and comfort in days to come and may God bless all your family. You will be missed. Annette & David Hinshaw

**Annette & David Hinshaw** - January 14, 2017 at 09:00 AM

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“ Dear Margie and Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please accept my sincerest sympathy for your loss. I firmly believe that Our loved ones never truly die. They live on in our hearts and our memories. May the healing joy of your memories bring you peace.  
Love-- Debbie Fines

**Debbie Fines** - January 14, 2017 at 08:09 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss, Dale. Our condolences to you and your family. Jeff and Verna Kline



Jeff N Vee Kline - January 13, 2017 at 11:31 AM

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“ We know that your faith may feel stormy during this season of bereavement; be strong and reassured that God is a shelter in stormy times.



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - January 13, 2017 at 11:27 AM

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“ I've never met Mrs Thiltgen but know some of her children, Wayne and Marilyn know through them that she was a wonderful mother. Prayers to family at this time of their loss may God give all comfort for the days ahead.

Susan Turner - January 12, 2017 at 08:38 PM

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“ Rest in piece Aunt Agnes and now you are on your journey to be with all your friends and family. Love Carl and Connie



connie makovec - January 12, 2017 at 02:54 PM

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“ Janetta lit a candle in memory of Agnes Marie Thiltgen



**Janetta** - January 12, 2017 at 12:42 PM

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“ Dale, so sorry for the loss of your mother. Our condolences to you and your family.  
Don and Dottie Hutchison

**Dorothy Hutchison** - January 12, 2017 at 12:41 PM

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“ As a youth I met you, and you made feel as I was one of your children, and can  
honestly say you will always be remember with fondness, I'm fortunate to have  
known you and Harry. Bless you and all your children in this passing.

**Bruce Runion** - January 12, 2017 at 10:08 AM

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“ Betty Rupard lit a candle in memory of Agnes Marie Thiltgen



**Betty Rupard** - January 12, 2017 at 09:51 AM

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“ May you rest in peace. You may physically be gone , but will always be remembered  
in our thoughts.....Ron & Candy Thiltgen....Florida

**Ron Thiltgen** - January 11, 2017 at 06:10 PM