

## St. Benedict's Rule of Life, Prologue 14-21

Seeking his workman in a multitude of people, the Lord calls out to him and lifts his voice again: Is there anyone here who yearns for life and desires to see good days? (Ps 34:13). If you hear this and your answer is, "I do," God then directs these words to you: If you desire true and eternal life, keep your tongue free from vicious talk and your lips from all deceit; turn away from evil and do good; let peace be your quest and aim (Ps. 34:14-15).

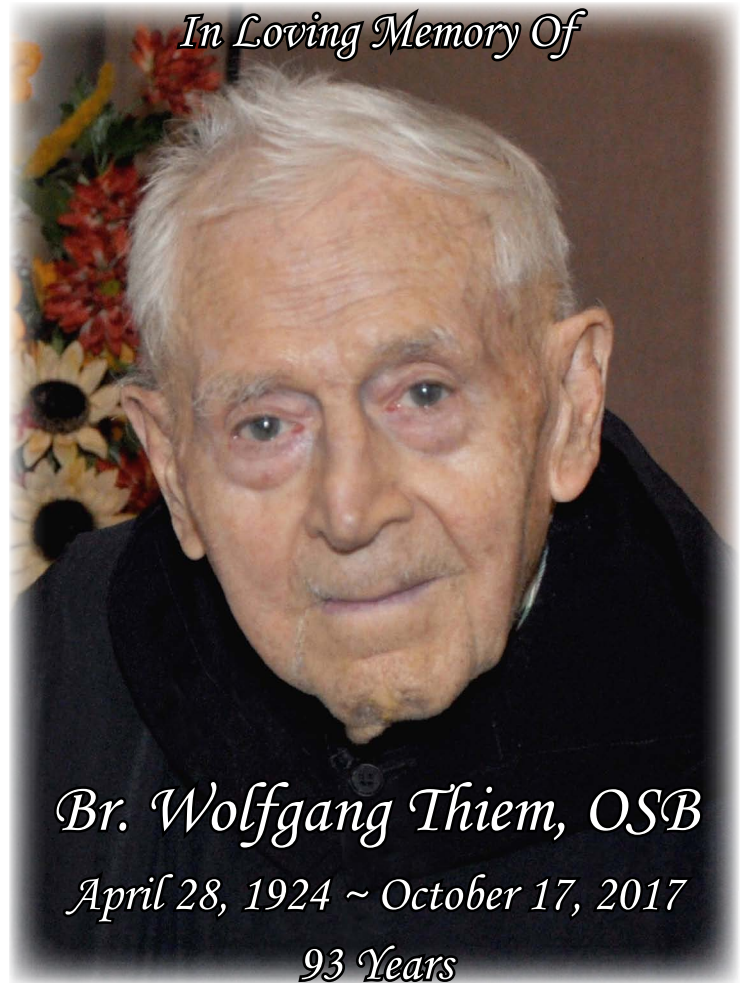
Once you have done this, my eyes will be upon you and my ears will listen for your prayers; and even before you ask me, I will say to you: Here I am (Is. 58:9).

What, dear brothers, is more delightful than this voice of the Lord calling to us? See how the Lord in his love shows us the way of life. Clothed then with faith and the performance of good works, let us set out on this way, with the Gospel for our guide, that we may deserve to see him who has called us to his kingdom (1 Thess 2:12).

### APPRECIATION

The monastic community wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

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**PRAYER SERVICE:**

Monday, October 23, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.

Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Abbey  
Muenster, Saskatchewan

**Presider:**

Br. Basil Schaan, OSB

**Organist:**

Br. Anthony Nguyen, OSB

**Cantor:**

Br. Kurt Van Kuren, OSB

**FUNERAL MASS:**

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Abbey  
Muenster, Saskatchewan

**Celebrant:** Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB

**Crossbearer:** Br. Benedict van Ginkel, OSB

**Scripture Readers:**

Br. Basil Schaan, OSB & Gisbert Thiem

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Sr. Marian Noll, OSU

**Music Ministry:**

**Organist:** Br. Benedict van Ginkel, OSB

**Cantor:** Br. Kurt Van Kuren, OSB

**Pallbearers:**

Br. Kurt Van Kuren, OSB, Candidate Edmundo Cruz,  
Kevin Froelich, Cory Froelich, Jeffrey Froelich, Chris Froelich

**INTERMENT:**

St. Peter's Abbey Cemetery, Muenster, Saskatchewan

**Memorial Donations:**

Abbey Elder Care, P.O. Box 10, Muenster, SK, S0K 2Y0

**Memorial Luncheon:**

St. Peter's Abbey Guest Dining Room

Br. Wolfgang was born on April 28, 1924 in Schwab Gmund, Germany. The Second World War was devastating Europe when he graduated from high school. At the age of 18 he was drafted into the air force and then transferred to an anti-aircraft unit in Germany. At the end of the war, he was taken prisoner by the Americans on Christmas Eve in 1945. He then spent three-and-a-half years as a Prisoner of War working on a farm in France. Br. Wolfgang came to Canada in 1953, where he joined Voluntas Dei, a secular institute founded by an Oblate priest in Trois Rivieres, Quebec. In 1971, he spent a few months at the Trappist monastery in Manitoba, and then decided to visit St. Peter's Abbey. Br. Wolfgang entered the novitiate and made his profession of vows on March 21, 1973. His talents kept him busy in carpentry, masonry and gardening. He was known for the tomatoes he grew in his greenhouse. During his final years, Br. Wolfgang grew sunflowers and harvested the seeds to feed the chickadees in the winter. His favourite winter pastime was cross-country skiing. He also enjoyed listening to international news and reading about news events on his computer.

Br. Wolfgang is survived by the Benedictine Monastic Community of St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster. He was predeceased by his parents, Josef and Maria (nee Weinhoepfel) Thiem; and by three sisters: Friedel, Annemie, and Trudi.