

**FRED J. THAYER**

**Knox Sec, Lot 237, Grave 3**

GPS Coordinates:      TBD

**Fred J. Thayer**

Thayer Fred J. Thayer, age 84, of Hilliard, formerly of Westerville, OH. Passed away peacefully July 8, 2013 at home. Born May 18, 1929 in Sandusky, OH. Retired professor, Otterbein College Department of Theatre and Dance after 33 years. Graduate of Bowling Green State University with a BA degree and Masters degree. Proud Honorary Alumni of Otterbein College. High School teacher in Imlay City, MI and Blissfield, MI then taught at the University of Toledo. He spent many summers at Huron Playhouse and Blendon Lodge #339 F&AM. Survived by his wife of 62 years, Donna Jean (Wright); children, Linda Thayer of Joshua Tree, CA, Gregg Thayer of Boulder, CO and Steve (Tracy) Thayer of Hilliard; grandchildren, Maggie, Jessie, Alexandria, Janie, Zachary and Gabrielle; sister Carol (Bob) Yelensky of Willard, OH. Preceded in death by his parents James and Charlotte Thayer, and sister Lois. Friends may call at the MORELAND FUNERAL HOME, 55 E. Schrock Road, Westerville, Thursday 6-8 p.m. Memorial service will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. with visitation from 10 a.m. until time of the service at Church of the messiah, 51 N. State Street, Westerville. Rev. Ryan Grace, officiating. Private interment Otterbein Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fred "Pop" Thayer Endowment Fund c/o Otterbein University.

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**Born:** May 18, 1929  
Sandusky Co, OH

**Died:** July 8, 2013  
Franklin Co, OH

**Father:** James C. Thayer

**Mother:** Charlotte L. Close

**Spouse:** Donna J. Wright

**Service:** U. S. Marines  
Korean Conflict