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May 18, 1915 - May 25, 2013

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Source: Tharp Funeral Home webpage, May 27, 2013

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Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

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