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## **Marc Thorne Passes Away, Weeks After Ending His Term as a Selectman**

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Marc Thorne, who just ended his term as a member of the Board of Selectmen, passed away Monday morning, a day after suffering a severe stroke.

***His obituary:*** [Marc Thorne, 81, Selectman, Volunteer, Brought 'Enthusiasm, Kindness and a Gentle Spirit' \(Dec. 17\)](#)

"We are all still shocked at the news of Marc's passing," First Selectman Jayme Stevenson said. "There are certain people whose warm presence you can always count on and Marc and Barbara Thorne are two of those people.

"They care so deeply for our community and each other and have been an inspiration and role model for so

many. Marc will be profoundly missed. Please pray for Barbara and the Thorne family."

Thorne not only had been a member of the Board of Selectmen but a Representative Town Meeting member before that, and a chairman of the Darien Democratic Town Committee.

While a selectman, he was on various town committees, including the Blight Review Board. He was a member of the Darien Mens Association and had participated in that group's volunteer activities.

His wife, Barbara, who survives him, is a member of the RTM and a former member of the Board of Selectmen.

### **Announcement to Town Employees**

*Stevenson sent a statement to town employees about Marc Thorne's passing. Here's the full text:*

Dear colleagues,

I write with some very sad news. Our friend and colleague Marc Thorne passed away this morning. He suffered a severe stroke early Sunday morning. Marc will be remembered for his kind and thoughtful nature, being the consummate gentleman and his deep commitment to the Town of Darien. Marc and Barbara have been such an inspiration to us all.

Please keep Marc, Barbara and the Thorne family in your thoughts and prayers. We will share information about his service when details become available.

I've asked that the Town of Darien flag be flown at half-staff in Marc's memory.

Jayne