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Co-owner of Whalers, Hurricanes dies of leukemia

Detroit News staff and wires

RALEIGH, N.C. -- Thomas Thewes, co-owner of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes, died Sunday after a two-year fight with leukemia. He was 76.

Thewes and Peter Karmanos Jr. were two of the founders of Compuware, a Detroit-based software company. The two acquired the Hartford Whalers in 1994 and moved the franchise to North Carolina three years later.

Thewes, a graduate of the University of Detroit, is survived by his wife, Beverly, six children and 20 grandchildren.

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Visitation is at the Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak on Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. The funeral is Thursday at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Everest Academy, a school Thewes helped to found. For information, go to everestacademy.org.

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