



William Roosevelt Thornton

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William Roosevelt Thornton was born in Kentucky on September 5th, 1934 to his proud parents Lloyd Thomas Thornton and Mary Magdalen Hale of Kentucky. At a young age William met the love of his life, Clara Mae Ambers, whom he married. They were married for 68 beautiful years. From their loving union grew their family. They moved to sunny San Diego, California where he resided for about 55 years. William was an avid golfer as it was one of his favorite past times. William dedicated about 30 years working in carpet installation. William passed away peacefully on July 6th, 2020 in Santee, California. He is predeceased by his parents; Mary Thornton, Lloyd Thornton, his son William "Mike" Thornton, his daughter Deborah Marceau and 6 siblings whom he now joins. He leaves behind to cherish his memories his wife Clara Mae Thornton, his children; Sherry Jones, Edna Thornton and Mark Thornton, his grand children; Betty McNeely, Christopher Thornton, Claire Davis, William Hobbs, Ronald Joslin Jr, Jacqline Allen, Cynthia Pathel, Nicholas Thornton, Aaron Hoxie, Shean Hoxie and Dan Hoxie, his great grandchildren; Monisha McNeely, Timothy McNeely Jr, Trey McNeely, Alyssa Thornton, Brooke Steavenson, Cymona Abellard, Jonathan Allen, Jazel Hobbs, Cameron Hobbs, Kaylee Hobbs, Lexi Hobbs, William Hobbs Jr, Penelope Hoxie, Avery Hoxie, Ashlyn Hoxie, Colton Hoxie, Danika Hoxie and his great grand children; Messiah Harris, Aaliyah Harris, Trinity McNeely and Zoey Gonzalez. William is also survived by 5 siblings. William will be missed by his family and friends and his memories will always be cherished.



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Cemetery Details



Greenwood Memorial Park

4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113



(619) 450-1479





Tribute Wall

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Maria Polen (Ambers) lit a candle in honor of William.



July 14 at 12:58 PM



Maria Polen (Ambers) July 14 at 1:08 PM

Sooo many good memories growing up down the street from my aunt and uncle...going to their house to eat fried chicken. So many of us in the house. Hanging out in the basement with my big cousins listening to music and laughing together. Clara Mae taking carpet supplies to Uncle Willie...so blessed to have those memories. Life goes so fast and time passes without saying how much we love and appreciate those dear to us. He will truly be missed by ALL!



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thornton family.



July 12 at 1:25 PM



Betty Bowman shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



July 12 at 10:09 AM



Betty Bowman July 12 at 10:10 AM

Taken in the late 90's near Liberty KY



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Thornton family.



July 12 at 6:57 AM



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CT

Cindy Thornton posted:

I was born in San Diego but I have grown up in Kentucky my mom used to always tell me about how uncle William would have me sitting in a baby seat on the table watching football games mom and dad said uncle William used to watch me alot when we lived there I have always loved uncle William and aunt claire so much they was and always will be my favorite I always loved it when they came to Kentucky! RIP UNCLE WILLIAM YOU ARE LOVED SO MUCH AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED LOVE YOUR NIECE CINDY THORNTON

July 11 at 9:06 PM

GW

Grandson (Willie) shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Love you PeePaw

July 11 at 3:20 PM



GW

Grandson (Willie) posted:

By far the best grandpa/PeePaw you could ever of asked for!! I remember all the good times we had at the desert and how he taught me how to install flooring to earn a living. Love you forever PeePaw and thank you for all you did not just for me but our entire family.

July 11 at 3:13 PM

LF

Little Sister Betty & Ralph Bowman & Family sent a Serene Retreat to the Thornton family.

July 11 at 8:45 AM



NC

Norman Carlisle shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

July 11 at 6:19 AM





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Mr. & Mrs Barry Forrester posted:

My Husband Barry & Myself had the absolute pleasure of meeting Pee-Paw during the decorating of Pee-Paw's & Me-Maw's 68th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. You can see right away how much LOVE his family has for him and how very much he is RESPECTED. He was wonderful to meet and we are deeply saddend for his family and there great loss. My he rest with Our Father in Heaven.

July 10 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thornton family.



July 10 at 4:52 PM



Tammy Winstone lit a candle in honor of William.

Friends are a gift from God. They bring us joy and happiness. That's why I can truly say how glad I am to have known this friend. He always made you feel like family. He will truly be missed. Rest in Peace Willy. You will be in our hearts forever and never forgotten. Our deepest sympathy to the family.Love the Winstone Family



July 10 at 4:49 PM



The Vargas Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thornton family.



July 10 at 3:59 PM



The Ambers Family sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Thornton family.



July 10 at 12:53 PM



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Angie Bailey Webb posted:

Good ol Willy. Willy was such a strong male influence in my growing up years. Only fun, food, and strength is what this man left in his essence. Our family moved out west together, worked together and got together. When books say "salt of the earth men" that's what I think of, thinking of uncle Willy. He was a proud patriot, a hard working man, a lover of his family & a teacher of anything you wish to learn from him. I only have wonderful memories and I'll see him again.

July 10 at 12:43 PM



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Memories in the country



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Uncle William enjoying a family get togethers



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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