



William Roosevelt Thornton

September 5, 1934 - July 6, 2020

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, Jacqueline 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.

Cemetery

Greenwood Memorial Park

4300 Imperial Avenue

San Diego, CA, 92113

Comments



“ Maria Polen (Ambers) lit a candle in memory of William Roosevelt Thornton



Maria Polen (Ambers) - July 14 at 07:58 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!

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



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Roosevelt Thornton.



July 12 at 08:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Betty Bowman - July 12 at 05:09 PM



“ Taken in the late 90's near Liberty KY

Betty Bowman - July 12 at 05:10 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Roosevelt Thornton.



July 12 at 01:57 PM



“ 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

Cindy Thornton - July 12 at 04:06 AM



“ Love you PeePaw



grandson (Willie) - July 11 at 10:20 PM



“ 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.

grandson (Willie) - July 11 at 10:13 PM



“ LITTLE SISTER BETTY & RALPH BOWMAN & FAMILY purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Roosevelt Thornton.



LITTLE SISTER BETTY & RALPH BOWMAN & FAMILY - July 11 at 03:45 PM



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Norman Carlisle - July 11 at 01:19 PM



“ 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 saddened for his family and their great loss. May he rest with Our Father in Heaven.

Mr. & Mrs Barry Forrester - July 11 at 12:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Roosevelt Thornton.



July 10 at 11:52 PM



“ 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



Tammy Winstone - July 10 at 11:49 PM



“ The Vargas Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Roosevelt Thornton.



The Vargas Family - July 10 at 10:59 PM



“ The Ambers Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of William Roosevelt Thornton.



The Ambers Family - July 10 at 07:53 PM



“ 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.

Angie Webb - July 10 at 07:43 PM