



## Al Thornton

December 29, 1933 - May 6, 2020

Graveside services for Al Thornton, 86, of Gilmer, Tx are scheduled for 2:00 pm, Monday, May 11, 2020 at Shady Grove Cemetery with Mr. D. J. Bulls officiating. He was born December 29, 1933, to Cleothus Kirksey Thornton and Clara Elizabeth Cruse Thornton in Tahoka, Texas and passed from this life May 6, 2020.

Mr. Thornton proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 22 years retiring as a Captain. He then worked as a Sheriff's Deputy for 10 years in Dallas County before fully retiring. He married Kaye Smith, February 14, 1987 and moved to Gilmer in 2002. He was a member of Gilmer Church of Christ.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kaye Thornton; sons, David Carter Thornton, Keith Wayne Dunn and Arvin Leon Thornton Jr.; daughter, Stephanie Elizabeth (Thornton) Puryear; and by many grandchildren; great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; he was the youngest of 10 siblings and they all preceded him in death.

Please visit Al's on-line registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Al Thornton.*



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May 11, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *He was the most caring and sweetest man! My daughter loved him so much and enjoyed waking up every morning and went straight for him she called him O that was her grandpa O and she loved riding on the side by side with him and walking around the yard and sitting in his chair with him. I loved hearing him tell stories. He will be dearly missed.*

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**brandi bowles** - May 10, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Prayers going out to Mrs. Kay and family. We are going to miss seeing Mr. Al, and his socks, at church. His socks would make our day. Know that we are thinking about you. Always, Dixie and Elaine Calvert*

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**Elaine Calvert** - May 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Such a kind man! Prayers for Mrs. Kaye and the family. I know he will be missed.*

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**Jennifer Shelton** - May 09, 2020 at 11:37 AM

LT

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Leon Thornton** - May 08, 2020 at 04:19 PM

SW

“ *Al was such a kind and generous man with a gentle spirit that made everyone feel at ease. He will be sorely missed. My love to Kay and the family.*

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**Sharon Wise** - May 08, 2020 at 03:37 PM

DL

“ *Mr. Al.... such a sweet, kind man. Every Sunday in church i loved seeing his smile when stopping to talk with him and Ms. Kay. He always had encouraging words fir me. Mr. Al will be missed in our church. I know he is in the presence of our Lord and in no more pain. Rest In Peace Sir!!*

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**Donna Lane** - May 08, 2020 at 03:19 PM