



Robert Thornton

December 7, 1938 - October 9, 2014

Robert Edward Thornton, 75, a native of Hamilton, Texas and long time resident of Grand Prairie, died on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

Memorial Service: 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at Calvary Baptist Church. Friends may visit between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, 75050.

Robert was the youngest of 6 children born to the late William Henry Thornton and the late Lena Smith Thornton. After graduation from Hamilton High School, he would marry his childhood sweetheart, Jo Cozby. They would move to Grand Prairie where they would raise their 3 children.

Robert would start a career with IBM, eventually retiring after more than 30 years of service. Even after his retirement, he would remain active, working for The Dallas County Appraisal District and Chesapeake Energy.

Robert had a long life of giving back to others. His community service included serving on the School Board, City Council, Little League Baseball Board and Hospital Board. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie for more than fifty-four years, serving on the Deacon Board of Trustees.

He loved his family deeply. He cherished the times that he could spend with

them, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed sports and an occasional trip with his wife.

Survivors: wife of fifty-six years; Jo Cozby Thornton; children, Scott Thornton and his wife Sharon, Tammy Thornton Buffington and her husband Charles, Shane Thornton and his wife Cindy; grandchildren; Tanna, Audra, Austin, Laurel, Rollin, Aubrey, Cody; great-grandchildren, Brylee, Cerly, Audree Ann, Zeke and Avery.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings; Arvil, James, Pearlene, Maxine and Betty Sue.

Should friends desire to give, the family request donations be given to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Memorial Service

OCT **14.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
401 Church Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Robert was a special kind of man, one that lived his faith everyday. Our lives intermingled for many years, but the most memorable were Boys Baseball and the City Council. We admired him so much and know that he is in God's presence now. Blessings to Jo and the whole family.
Mike & Teri Jackson

Mike & Teri Jackson - October 14, 2014 at 08:45 AM



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



October 13, 2014 at 03:36 PM

GS

“ Gary L. Gardner, Sr. purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Robert Thornton.



Gary L. Gardner, Sr. - October 13, 2014 at 10:45 AM

JK

“ Have not seen Robert for a number of years. Served on Board of Directors of Boys Baseball with Robert for a number of years and coached Y Basketball together. I am so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. Thoughts and Prayers to the Thornton Family.

Jack King

jack King - October 13, 2014 at 10:38 AM

 Jamie Cozby

“ What a legacy Robert left behind. A legacy of faith , love and honor of our lord Jesus and his family. I , fortunately had the honor of having this wonderful man as my brother in law for 21 years. Go rest high on that mountain Robert. Love to all his family, Rodney & Jamie Cozby

Jamie Cozby - October 13, 2014 at 10:17 AM

FH

“ Robert was my first supervisor when I was hired by IBM in 1968. We shared many good years of working together in the Dallas Parts Distribution Center 594. My deepest sympathies to Scott, Tammy and the entire Thornton family.

Fred Hirschler

Fred Hirschler - October 13, 2014 at 08:55 AM

RB

“ So many great memories that it is hard to skim the surface without spending all day thinking about it.

From wiffle ball in the yard, to riding around in the old Buick and always finding my favorite mints in the dash.

I know you're happy now, and heaven could use a good ball player, especially a #10.

To the greatest Papa I could have asked for, thanks for all you did.

Love, your Grandson.

Rollin Buffington - October 11, 2014 at 09:10 PM

CI

“ Robert was the best Father-in-Law one could have. I always enjoyed when visiting with he and Jo, lots of laughs and great fellowship.

If it was not for Robert I would have never known of Mia's Mexican Restaurant, I know he and Jo really had enjoyed Mia's over the years and it was always a great time with Robert and the whole family.

There so many wonderful memories, there is not enough space to put them down.

Heaven has a new light now, you'll always shine Robert.

With sadness we let you go, knowing you'll be well received by Our Father, now there is only gladness.

*With love
Charles*

Charles R Buffington IV - October 11, 2014 at 01:18 PM

BV

“ Betty Vestal purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Robert Thornton.



Betty Vestal - October 11, 2014 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Thornton.



October 11, 2014 at 06:58 AM