



William Franklin Thornton

December 20, 1942 - July 17, 2024

William Franklin Thornton, 81, of Ardmore, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, July 17th, 2024, at his home.

Mr. Thornton lived in the Ardmore area for a majority of his life, where he was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church for 51 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, watching Westerns and football, as well as spending time in his garden.

He is preceded in death by his father, William Thornton, and mother Lillie Mae Thornton, as well as 2 sisters, Ruth Thornton and Betty Thornton.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Janice Hargrove Thornton; sons Tracy (Whitney) and Trent (Elizabeth); 4 granddaughters Emma, Kate, Emry, and Sadie; and 1 grandson Case.

Funeral services for Mr. Thornton will be Saturday, July 20th, 2024, at 11:00am at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday from 5:00-9:00pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I am his grandson*

William - September 13, 2025 at 10:26 AM

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“ *beverly ridinger lit a candle in memory of William Thornton*



beverly ridinger - August 14, 2025 at 08:45 PM

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“ *Frank was a great man who I admired. Met Frank at church many years ago. Rest in peace Prayers to his family.*

Tina Harbin - July 20, 2024 at 07:02 AM

MP

“ *Matt and Lindsay Powers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Franklin Thornton.*



Matt and Lindsay Powers - July 18, 2024 at 08:49 PM

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“ *Matt and Lindsay Powers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Frank Thornton.*

Matt and Lindsay Powers - July 18, 2024 at 08:49 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Franklin Thornton.* ”



July 18, 2024 at 07:30 PM