



Rev. George W. Thornton Jr

October 18, 1929 - January 28, 2023

Rev. George W. Thornton, Jr., 93, passed away serenely Saturday, January 28, 2023. Rev. Thornton, a noted minister and pastor, was a Legacy member of St. Stephen Baptist Church, an honored veteran of the Korean War, a successful entrepreneur and community leader.

George was also a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend to his loved ones. He is preceded in death by siblings, Howard Thornton, Jewell Thornton, Mary Etta Yates, Roy Thornton, Anna Bell Young and Stella Thornton. He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Thornton; children, Dr. Larry F. Thornton, Endauslesa "Lisa" F. Thornton and Melissa Fifine Thornton; siblings, Evelyn Holt, Verda Moore, Hazel Jordan and Joe Robert Thornton; 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandsons, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many other relatives.

Visitation will be from 9am - 11am Saturday, February 11, 2023 at St. Stephens Baptist Church, 1018 S. 15th St. in Louisville, Kentucky, with the funeral services to follow at 11am. Burial will be 2:30pm Friday, February 17, 2023 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, 2501 N. Dixie Blvd., Radcliff, KY 40160.

In addition to expressions of sympathy, the family requests that you consider

making a donation in Rev. Thornton's memory to the Newburg Boys & Girls Club in Louisville, Kentucky:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana , 3900 Crittenden Dr. Louisville, Kentucky 40209

<https://www.bgcky.org/>

Cemetery Details

KY Veterans Cemetery

2501 N Dixie Blvd
Radcliff, KY 402160

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Church
1018 So. 15th St.
Louisville, KY 40210

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Louisville, KY 40210

Tribute Wall



“ Sanford Marcia Irvin sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. George Thornton



Sanford and Marcia Irvin - February 10, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Thornton Jr.



February 09, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ Mt. Missionary Baptist Church sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. George Thornton



Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church - February 08, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Thornton Jr.



February 08, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Thornton Jr.*



February 07, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *We light a candle in memory. I am a first cousin to Rev. Thornton as our mothers were sisters. We always called him “June” as in Jr. Over the years he would keep in contact by his kind & friendly calls as we live in Maryland.
May God comfort the family.*



*Love, Linda & John King
Upper Marlboro, Maryland*

Linda King - February 07, 2023 at 03:39 PM

PT

“ I remember Mr. & Mrs. Thornton when they lived on Pruitt ct. in New Broadmoor. Larry and Lisa were the only two children that I knew of. At that time Mr. Thornton had a Barbershop next to Mr. Bills, a Key Market grocery. His wife had a beauty shop in the same building but, we had to go to the back of that building to enter her shop. This was in the west bushel He was a trailblazer. Later, they expanded their business, Allowing other entrepreneurs to rent his building. Today, that building still stands on the corner of Old Shepherdsville Rd & Newburg rd. Salute sir, you are a plus to our community and more. May you rest in peace!



Patricia Turner - February 06, 2023 at 07:13 PM

CF

Condolences and prayers to the Thornton Family. Brother Thornton was Pastor of the Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church in Smiths Grove KY from 1976 until 1990 where he did a great job and was beloved by his members. He was a good soldier for the Lord! Present Pastor of Mt. Union Church, Charles L. Fishback.

Charles L. Fishback - February 07, 2023 at 01:01 PM

ML

“ My Condolences and Prayers for
The Rev George Thornton and
Family

Marva L.Valentine - February 03, 2023 at 10:35 PM

KF

“ *Kenneth Shirley Fant lit a candle in memory of Rev. George Thornton*



Kenneth & Shirley Fant - February 03, 2023 at 11:15 AM

BM

“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Rev. George Thornton*



Berona Massey - February 01, 2023 at 08:06 PM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I have known them since the 1960's when their relatives moved next door to us. My father was a minister and barber and he and my brother went to Rev. Thornton for their haircuts and they preached to everyone in the barber shop. My brother was really fond of Rev. Thornton. Mrs. Thornton did my hair and my daughters' hair when I was in dental school. Rev. Thornton was loved by so many.*

May God sustain the family.

*Love, Dr. Rosetta Shelby-Calvin
Little Rock , Arkansas*

Dr. Rosetta Shelby-Calvin - February 01, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Thornton Jr.



February 01, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Thornton Jr.



February 01, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Rev. George Thornton*



Berona Massey - February 01, 2023 at 06:30 AM

MT

“*At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home*”

I love you so much, daddy 🕊️

*Eternally yours,
Fifine*

Melissa F Thornton - February 01, 2023 at 12:05 AM

TF

“*Tina Fant sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev.
George Thornton*



Tina Fant - January 31, 2023 at 11:34 PM

TF

*Give Me A Clean Heart
and I'll Follow Thee*

So Many Memories & Songs I will always cherish and hold dear to my heart . Rev. Thornton wasn't only my former Pastor he was a friend that I love to visit and speak with every-time I had a chance . He will be truly missed but definitely not forgotten.

*Sis. Mary Thornton & Family you will forever remain in my daily prayers
love ❤️ each of you .*

Tina Fant

Tina Fant - February 02, 2023 at 02:25 PM

SO

Dr. Thornton, you have my condolences for the loss of your father. He sounds like he was a very fine man who was loved and appreciated by many people. My prayers will be with you and your family during this time of sorrow.

Stephen Steilberg, O.D. - February 07, 2023 at 10:54 AM