



Ulysses Thornton Jr.

January 18, 1946 - February 23, 2023

Ulysses Thornton Jr. was born Jan. 18, 1946, to Irene Thornton nee Mallard and Ulysses Thornton Sr. in Fort Gaines, GA. Mr. Thornton attended Asbury Speight High School and Tuskegee University. Affectionately known as “Buddy” to his family and hometown friends, he joined the United States Air Force where he was stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport/Bossier LA. While stationed in LA he met Catherine Harris, whom he married on April 22, 1969. Mr. Thornton was honorably discharged from the Air Force on March 23rd 1972 with the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Thornton fathered three children with Catherine: Shanon Thornton (53), Kevin Thornton (46) and Kendric Moreno-Thornton (46). Mr. Thornton enjoyed a 49-year union with Catherine until her passing in 2018. He also enjoyed a 37-year career with AT&T as a Toll Testing Technician. Buddy enjoyed traveling, BBQing, Golfing, taking care of a healthy cap collection and waxing his car. He is survived by his mother Irene; brothers: Ira and Henry; sisters: Shirley Lucas and Phyllis Watson; his three children, two grand-children, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was an exceptional father, outstanding son, brother, grandfather and an amazing uncle. He will be greatly missed.

Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, March 10, 2023 at our South DeKalb Chapel 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy Decatur, GA 30034.

Visitation will be held on March 09, 2023 from 12PM-8PM also at our South

DeKalb Chapel. Interment will take place at 1:00 PM Saturday, March 11,
2023 at Saint Luke Baptist Church 590 St. Luke Road Fort Gaines, GA 39851

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ *UT was my best friend when I became a testing tech . Our desks were next to each other and he never hesitated to step in and help when I got stumped. He knew I didn't have a background in electronics so he tried to help. Always a smile with those big ole dimples. I've thought about him several times the last couple months . Kept saying I'd call but life got in the way. Wish I could hear him say "my little buddy" again.*

Janie Procell - March 23, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *[Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Ulysses Thornton Jr..*

March 10, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ulysses Thornton Jr..*



March 09, 2023 at 11:52 AM

RM

“ *Remembering with you, when the heart is grieving GOD coms near to bring HIS comfort to catch every tear, May GOD hold you close, comfort, and carry you through. our sincere condolences to the family. may Buddy rest easy. Our prayers are continually with you.*

Ralph & Christine McCoy - March 09, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ulysses Thornton Jr..*



March 09, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Ulysses Thornton Jr..*



March 08, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ulysses Thornton Jr..*



March 08, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ulysses Thornton Jr..*



March 06, 2023 at 11:36 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ulysses Thornton Jr..*



March 06, 2023 at 11:35 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to his children, mother and siblings. 💕💕 I remember him as a kind and gentle person. Rest well “Buddy” Lawana Pete, Fort Gaines, Georgia*

Lawana Pete - March 02, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during the passing of your son, father, brother and grandpa and my cousin! May God comfort you all in your time of sorry. Love you All Glendora rogers and Family!*



Glendora Rogers - February 27, 2023 at 09:44 PM



Our Thoughts and prayers are with You All. Please take Some Comfort in knowing that good Lord has All of You Wrapped in His Loving Care. We are Sending Our Heartfelt Sympathy. Willie & Mamie Davis

Mamie Davis - February 28, 2023 at 05:39 PM



May you find comfort in knowing our Father in heaven doesn't make any mistakes 🙏 he know how much we can bear. Be strong my bothering. Much ❤️

Barbara Holley Brown - March 02, 2023 at 01:43 PM

LP

“ He was my classmate and good friend. My deepest sympathy to the family. May God comfort you. *Lula Power, Tampa, Florida*



Lula Power - February 27, 2023 at 02:54 PM

SS

“ Cousin, friend and classmate that's what he was to me. May the peace of the Lord continue to be with the family. *Sylvia Smith, Atlanta Georgia*



Smith Sylvia - February 27, 2023 at 10:17 AM

CR

Sending love to my family, my aunt and my cousins and prayers to our Father above that you will be comforted during this difficult time.
Cynthia Renfroe, Pembroke Pine, FL

Cynthia Renfroe - February 27, 2023 at 12:21 PM

AG

Sending our love and blessings to The Thornton Family in this difficult time, praying for healing and comfort to all , Albert Glover and family from Albany, Ga.

Albert Glover - February 27, 2023 at 04:18 PM

PS

praying for peace that surpasses all understanding guide and keep you is our heartfelt prayer.pastorJohn and Grace Edison, Ga

PastorJohn Grace Severson - February 28, 2023 at 08:40 PM

DH

Sending prayer and sympathy to the Thornton Family at this time. He was my coworker and good friend, His presents will be greatly missed. May the peace of God be with all. Diane Haigler, Timmonsville, S.C

Diane Haigler - March 01, 2023 at 05:06 AM



Sending Our Heartfelt Condolences, Thoughts and prayers to Aunt Irene and All Ulysses Children, and His Siblings Ira, Shirley Henry and Phyllis and Their Family. Willie & Mamie Davis

Mamie M. Davis - March 01, 2023 at 12:47 PM

DM

May the God who knows it all keep us in his care.Dorothy.& William Mallard Albany.Ga

Dorothy& William Mallard - March 01, 2023 at 01:16 PM

BD

Sending our thoughts and sincere prayers to Sister Irene and the entire Thornton family. May God's peace surround you.

Barbara Davis - March 03, 2023 at 07:27 AM

JJ

We are sending our heartfelt condolences to the family of our first cousin, Mr. Ulysses Thornton, Jr. We share in your loss and please know that we are praying that God strengthen you all in this time of bereavement. "Tis better to have loved and lost, than to never have loved at all" God Bless!!

Jimmy, Wanda, and Nicholas Mallard

Jimmy - March 03, 2023 at 07:16 PM

PB

*Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship.
Patricia Ann Byrd
Pembroke Pines, Florida*

Patricia Byrd - March 06, 2023 at 09:54 AM

DA

Sending our most heartfelt condolences and prayers for the family and loved ones of Buddy. We pray the Lord blessings of Comfort, Strength and Peace for each of you. We also pray that his trademark glowing smile will forever be etched in your hearts and mind to bring you some joy. Blessings to you as the days unfold.

*David and Mary Alexander
Alexandria, Alabama*

DAVID L ALEXANDER - March 09, 2023 at 01:21 PM