



## Jesse Albert Thornton

May 17, 1931 - October 4, 2016

Jesse Albert Thornton, age 85, passed away on October 4, 2016. He was the son of the late William Hillyer Young Thornton and Elizabeth Fletcher Thornton of Union City, GA. He was the sixth of nine children.

Jesse worked for the State of Georgia for 33 years, retiring in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Hunter Thornton. They would have celebrated their 59th anniversary on October 6, 2016. During his long illness, he was blessed to be cared for by Joan, a retired Fulton County public health nurse. He died peacefully with Joan by his side.

In addition to Joan, he is survived by his daughters, Nancy Thornton Hallman of Fort Worth, TX and Julia Thornton Wilson and her husband Britt of Carrollton, GA. Highlights of his life were his grandchildren, Joann Hallman Pederson and her husband Pete; Emma Thornton; Hunter Callahan Wilson and his wife Katie; Collin Thornton Wilson and his fiancée Brooke; Reed Davis

Wilson and Blake Goodwyn Wilson. He is also survived by a beloved great granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Pederson.

He was a longtime member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fairburn, GA. He had many hobbies and interests, including woodworking, gardening, clock collecting, steam engines and tractors. His daughters thought he could make or do anything, and his grandchildren thought the same. All are grateful for his legacy of kindness, wisdom and good humor.

The family will receive friends and family on Thursday, October 6, 2016 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home, Fairburn, GA. Funeral services will take place at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fairburn, GA on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 11 o'clock. Burial will be held in the family plot at Choestoe Baptist Church in Blairsville, GA at 12 o'clock on Saturday, October 8, 2016. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to Southwest Christian Care, 7225 Lester Rd., Union City, GA 30291 or Bethlehem Baptist Church, 5485 Bethlehem Rd., Fairburn, GA 30213.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mr. Thornton. May you find comfort in the words spoken by Jesus and found in the Bible at John 11:25. Warm Regards

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**Kay B.** - October 22, 2016 at 06:42 AM

MC

“ Please accept my condolences. May the love of family and friends carry you through your grief. It can be hard, but our special memories can help us to cope. The Bible offers hope to us. It describe death as "an enemy that will be destroyed " [ 1Corinthians 15 : 26 ] Jesus assures us there is going to be a resurrection! [ Acts 24 : 15 ] Oh! how our hearts will beam as we welcome back our loved ones! This may not completely take away your grief, but by meditating on God's promises found in the Bible you can find real hope. If you would welcome more about this please visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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**mrs coes** - October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the Thornton family and may God be a refuge and strength in your time of sorrow.(Psalms 46:1)

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**P. Watts** - October 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss. I pray that in time your wonderful memories will help ease the pain of Mr. Thornton's passing. God be with you all.

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**Sydney Brown** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Known many years. Super nice person. My condolences to family and friends.*

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**Bobby Fronebarger** - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Ms Joan and Family, I am saddened at the loss of Albert. I have many fond memories of him, from my childhood. He had a great extended family in the Morris' and I am sure lots of friends. He will be missed.*

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**Carole Morris Gammons** - October 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Our love and prayers are with you. We pray God gives you comfort during this sad time.*

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**Steve and Shelia** - October 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM