



Jack Don Thornton

October 14, 1933 - January 2, 2025

Jack Don Thornton was born on October 14, 1933 in Temple, Tx. He moved to Fairfield in 1949. He served our country in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

Jack completed a Bachelor of Science Degree & a Master Degree in Business from Sam Houston State College. He was in the Don's fraternity @ Sam Houston State College & served in many official positions.

One of his 1st careers was teaching & coaching many sports in junior/high schools @ Clear Creek School District. He coached Frank Borman's sons. Mr. Borman was the 1st astronaut to see the far side of the moon. Many of the athletes Jack coached kept in touch with him.

Jack served as an administrator @ Tarrant County Community College in Fort Worth, Texas for more than 25 years. He held many offices in his professional associations at the state, regional & national levels improving his profession.

Upon retirement, he moved back to Fairfield to be with family. As a longstanding member of the Fairfield United Methodist Church, he served in many capacities.

Jack is survived by his loving family, Liz, wife of 41 years; daughter & son-in-law, Julie & Darryl Brown from Baytown, Texas

Jack's legacy lives on through his grandchildren: Billy Herring; Kody Jack & Bethany Herring; Jena & Ronnie McClelland; Halie, Meredith & James Thornton and precious great grandchildren: Abbigail, Zane & Riley.

Plans are for a "Celebration of Jack's Life" ceremony to be held in Baytown, Texas with lying him to rest in the Houston Texas National Cemetery for veterans.

Contributions to Fairfield First United Methodist Church would be appreciated!

Cemetery Details

Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Drive Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 11. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Raykovitz family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Jack Don Thornton.*



The Raykovitz family - January 06, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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“ *Jack was loved and respected by all who knew him. As a member of the Don's social club while Sam, Jack was joined to the Brotherhood of ATO / Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity when the Don's joined ATO.*

He will be missed by all of us who were blessed to know him.

*Webb K. Melder
ATO '68*

webb K. Melder - January 05, 2025 at 03:06 PM

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“ *Such a wonderful memory of the Dad's in my life.*



Beth Gibbs - January 04, 2025 at 10:00 PM