



William (Bill) Thornton

November 25, 1945 - June 16, 2025

William (Bill) Thornton, age 79 passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife and children at home on June 16, 2025, after a battle with kidney failure. He was born November 25, 1945, in Gadsden, Alabama to William Dozier Thornton and Mary Gartrelle Sharpton.

Bill grew up in Arlington Texas and worked from a young age at his family's business Mobile Scout Travel Trailers. He married his high school sweetheart Patricia Stewart and began his family. Bill designed and built trailers until the business was sold, then moved to Emhouse where he farmed, ranched and dairy farmed most of his adult life. As he grew older, being a jack of all trades, he worked in many different fields but was a master carpenter at heart. He could make or fix anything. His favorite hobby was to mow...he mowed everything he could find. He enjoyed making things out of wood for his family and friends and eating out with his buddy Father Isidore. He could always be bribed or tempted with his favorite coconut cake or DQ Blizzard! He was well loved and will be greatly missed.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, great granddaughter Paislee and best friend Father Isidore Rozycki. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Patricia, daughter Tamera and SIL Scott Montgomery, daughter Audra and SIL Stephen Mayne, daughter Teresa Crawford, son Billy Don Thornton, and daughter Brittany and SIL Zack Melton, grandchildren Jeff (Sarah) and Kyle

Montgomery, Sheena (Joseph) Ruiz, Jackie Watson, Bryce Crawford (John Moore), Dalton Crawford, Jacob Thornton (Nick Coleman), Tara Thornton, Samatha Melton, Roxanne Melton and Henry Melton. His great grands are Kyrin, Kannon, Emery, Kailee, Elli, Cody, Evan, Rowan & Gwen. He is also survived by two brothers Jimmy and Elaine Thornton, Tommy and Betty Thornton, Sister Ann and John Daniel and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside Celebration of his life will be 10:00am Saturday, June 28th at Pattison Cemetery on SW County Road 1140, Emhouse Texas with Scott Montgomery officiating.

Cemetery Details

Pattison Cemetery

6800 NWCR 1140
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Memorial Service at Graveside

JUN 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William (Bill) Thornton.

June 26, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



June 26, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Daughter Teresa Crawford purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



Daughter Teresa Crawford - June 26, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Daughter Teresa Crawford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William (Bill) Thornton.

Daughter Teresa Crawford - June 26, 2025 at 09:24 AM

RW

“ The world has lost a very special man. He was a true artist in his designs and carpentry work, and so many of his creations will last for many years: His artistry in the design and building of the interior of Father Isidore’s cabin, which he and Father built together, even though neither of them could bend over and they had to use “grabbers” to pick up things they dropped. His design of the interior of the sanctuary of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church; his building of the Hall at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West, TX. These are just small examples of his great talent. His obituary mentioned some of his favorite restaurants, but it left out Long John Silver’s! Bill was funny and droll, and a delight to be around. He worked hard all his life, and overcame a lot of health problems, but has earned the rest he has now been given. I loved you, Bill. You were a good friend.

Randy White - June 26, 2025 at 08:06 AM

RW

“ Randy White purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



Randy White - June 26, 2025 at 07:51 AM

LW

“ Love you all Tony/Tammy Warren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William (Bill) Thornton.

Love you all Tony/Tammy Warren - June 24, 2025 at 02:49 PM

LW

“ Love you all Tony/Tammy Warren purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



Love you all Tony/Tammy Warren - June 24, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William (Bill) Thornton.

June 20, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



June 20, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



June 20, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



June 20, 2025 at 01:08 AM



“ The Daniel Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



The Daniel Family - June 19, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ The Tom Thornton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William (Bill) Thornton.

The Tom Thornton Family - June 19, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ The Tom Thornton Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William (Bill) Thornton.



The Tom Thornton Family - June 19, 2025 at 01:38 PM