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Bobby Jack Thornton, 82, of Carthage, Mississippi, "Sunrise Community," passed away peacefully at his home on September 15, 2025. Pawpaw, as he was lovingly called by his grandchildren, was born on February 12, 1943, in Sunrise, Mississippi, to the late Roland Troy "Jack" Thornton and Myrtle Shields Thornton.

He was a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. He graduated from Edinburg High School. He later began his career as a farmer and brick mason, which he had a passion for and deeply loved.

Bobby was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He never met a stranger, and with his outgoing personality, seemed to know everyone. His love and compassion were genuine and heartfelt. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and his Sunrise Baptist Church family. His hobbies included farming, fishing, and hunting. He will be remembered for his love of farming, making his homemade molasses syrup, preparing homemade peach ice cream with peaches from his orchard, and cooking breakfast for the monthly Brotherhood at church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Peyton Kenneth Thornton; sister, Jackie Janice Thornton; grandfather, Henry Calvin Shields; grandmother, Alma Quick Shields; father-in-law, Ansel Lafayette Beckham; and mother-in-law, Martha Lou Tucker Beckham. We rejoice knowing that he is walking the streets of gold, worshiping with his Savior and Lord, and reunited with them as well as many other family members and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joan Beckham Thornton; daughter, Stephanie Anne Thornton; son and daughter-in-law, Bobby Todd & Karen Thornton; grandchildren, Preston Williams and Ansel Jack "A.J." Thornton; great-grandsons, Kash Williams and Klayton Williams. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Thornton Moore; brother, Jerry (Dianne) Thornton; brother-in-law, Steve (Becky) Beckham; sister-in-law, Nancy (Larry) Cook; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 18, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sunrise Baptist Church, 353 Midway Road, Carthage, Mississippi 39051.

The funeral service will take place on Friday, September 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Sunrise Baptist Church with visitation beginning one hour prior. Rev. David Addy, Rev. Danny Septon, and Rev. Todd Thornton will officiate.

Interment will follow at Sunrise Memorial Garden Cemetery with A.J. Thornton, Dexter Thornton, Stan Neese, David Thornton, Fatie Horn, and Kip Wilcher serving as Pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers will be Billy Brantley, Neal Brown, Frances Price.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sunrise Baptist Church for the new children's playground, 353 Midway Road, Carthage, Mississippi 39051.

You may express your condolences online at www.wilcoxfuneralhome.com.
Arrangements by Wilcox Funeral Home, Carthage, Mississippi.

Cemetery Details

Sunrise Cemetery

Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Sunrise Baptist Church
353 Midway Rd
Carthage, MS 39051
(601) 298-9977

Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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I will always remember Mr. Bobby Jack as he was the first person to welcome me to Sunrise Baptist Church. I have such fond memories of him setting in the store when I went to buy his wonderful peaches 🍑. My prayers are with his family. Love all of you!

Edith Vowell Watkins - September 16, 2025 at 03:50 PM