



## Mr Joel Thomas Thornton

February 27, 1948 - February 1, 2022

Joel Thomas Thornton  
Carthage, MS

Joel Thornton, 73, a retired warden for the Leake County Sheriff's Office, died Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at the MS Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Visitation is 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Friday, February 4, 2022 at Wilcox Funeral Home. Services are 2:00 pm Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at the Wilcox Chapel with Bro. Guy Odom officiating. Interment is in Good Hope Cemetery. Wilcox Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Thornton was a native of Illinois. He was a member of Sunrise Baptist Church, the American Legion in Leake County, and the VFW. He was named to the Chester High School Football Hall of Fame in 2011. Mr. Thornton served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He received a scholarship from Southeast Missouri State.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Terry Thornton.

Survivors include: his wife, Betty Thornton of Carthage; a son, Tommy Thornton of Mayfield, KY; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Lee Allan Permenter, II, Geordan Lee Permenter, Chandler Lee Permenter, Tracy Lee Permenter, Jaxon Lee Permenter, and Ricky Tucker.

Honorary pallbearer was: Clayton Brock Permenter.



# Cemetery Details

## Good Hope Cemetery

Lena, MS 39094

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilcox Funeral Home  
106 S Jordan Street  
Carthage, MS 39051  
(601) 267-8081  
wilcoxfh@netdoor.com  
<https://www.wilcoxfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

FEB 4 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I miss my dad so much. He would talk to anyone that would listen to him. RIP pops, you're with the rest of the family in heaven.

Joel Thornton - February 08, 2022 at 05:50 PM

JM

“ Sorry to hear of Joe's passing, we grew up together as childhood friends, playing together on Gleason hill. We spent many hours playing pickup baseball during our young years, He was a good friend, and will be missed.

Jeff Warhausen , Freeland, Mi - February 04, 2022 at 10:31 AM

JG

“ Very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. One great guy! Got to talk with him during the anniversary of CHS winning the conference! The same Joe! Happy to have seen and talked with him. A young man remembers older guys like him from high school! He was liked and respected by all. What a great runner and sportsman and was a great asset to team and any sport he played. RIP Thunder!

John Flash Gordon - February 03, 2022 at 11:02 PM

MM

Was tough to tackle let alone catch up too

mark mclean - February 04, 2022 at 06:09 PM

AW

“ *Angela and Myron Watson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr Joel Thomas Thornton.*



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**Angela and Myron Watson** - February 03, 2022 at 06:30 PM

LS

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to all of you. Joe was a very special guy and one of Larry's classmates and good friends. We know he will be missed by so many.*  
*Our prayers and hugs,*  
*Larry & Joyce Surman from Chester, Illinois*

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**Larry & Joyce Surman** - February 03, 2022 at 10:30 AM

DW

“ *Debbie Wilcher lit a candle in memory of Mr Joel Thomas Thornton*



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**Debbie Wilcher** - February 02, 2022 at 09:38 PM

DT

“ *My heart is with you all. I know Joe has a large welcoming party waiting to share their love with him. My love and prayers are with you.*  
*Diane Thomas*



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**Diane Thomas** - February 02, 2022 at 06:34 PM

BP

*Deepest sympathy to The Entire Family. Love you Betty and may God be with you at this SAD time. 🙏❤️ Bettye & JD Pigg*

**Bettye Pigg** - February 02, 2022 at 08:16 PM

LV

*Sending sympathy to Betty and all of Joe's family during this sad time. God bless.*

**Linda Vowell** - February 04, 2022 at 12:32 PM