



Elbert Ray Thornton

August 20, 1937 - December 21, 2020

On Monday, December 21, 2020, Elbert Ray Thornton, age 83, passed away at Cullman Regional Hospital. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 27, 2020, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

A U.S. Navy veteran and long-time member of the Teamster's Union, Ray returned to his hometown of Cullman in 2003.

Ray is survived by his wife, Melba Ann Purvis-Thornton; three brothers, Douglas (Irene) Thornton, Bryant (Alice) Thornton Jr., and Lee Thornton; five daughters, Lisa Marie (Ed) Dillinger, Elizabeth Ann Thornton, Cynthia Rose Franckhauser, Melissa Catherine Thornton, and Theresa Elnora (James) Pruitt; stepson, Nathan Purvis; stepdaughter, Julie (Kevin) Stein; seven grandchildren, James R. (Jenny) Thornton, Bryan James, Loryn (Josh) Peace, William Tighe, Kyle (Bethany) Franckhauser, John James, and Luke Franckhauser; three great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home
255 County Road 1435
Cullman, AL 35058
(256) 734-0208
info@cullmanheritage.com
<https://www.cullmanheritage.com>

Tribute Wall

AI

“ ANN IVEY lit a candle in memory of Elbert Ray Thornton



ANN IVEY - January 04, 2021 at 10:00 AM

SJ

“ SARAH JONES lit a candle in memory of Elbert Ray Thornton



SARAH JONES - January 04, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JM

“ JAN MALONE lit a candle in memory of Elbert Ray Thornton



JAN MALONE - January 04, 2021 at 09:58 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa M Dillinger - December 23, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa M Dillinger - December 23, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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“ Please be aware of our prayers and thoughts during this time. If we may help you in any way please don't hesitate to call.

*Delbert Freeman
Chaplain
Cullman Regional*

Delbert Freeman - December 22, 2020 at 06:21 PM