



## Gregory Clay Thornton

August 24, 1950 - October 15, 2020

Gregory Clay Thornton, 70, of Hurricane passed away Thursday October 15, 2020.

Born August 24, 1950 in Hurricane, he was a son of the late Jesse and Rosetta Thornton. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Regina Thornton and father in law, Douglas Ramey.

Greg served his country in the United States Army, where he earned a National Defense Service Medal and a Sharpshooter Badge. He retired from CSX as a brakeman/conductor with over 20 years of service. Greg was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Some of his favorite memories over the last few years were playing board games with his granddaughters and hosting his "Fat Friday" dinners for his family. They were christened "Fat Friday" because of all of the fattening food and desserts he learned to cook and bake. Greg will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew Thornton and Violet Cohenour-Thornton; granddaughters, Lilly and Lila Cohenour; sisters, Janet Chapman, Irene Goff, Betty Lipscomb and Brenda White (Richard); mother-in-law, Avis Ramey, brother-in-law, Randall Ramey (Diane), several nieces, nephews, cousins, wonderful neighbors and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate Greg's life will be held at 2:00pm Monday October 19, 2020 at Freedom's Promise Ministries, 19966 Winfield Road, Fraziers Bottom with Pastor Sherry Shamblin officiating. A private burial will take place at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the Thornton Reunion Scholarship Fund and the Edwards Reunion Scholarship Fund, c/o Betty Lipscomb, 13 Teays Hollow Road, Hurricane WV 25526.

You may share memories of Greg by visiting his tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Hurricane is honored to serve the Thornton family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Freedom's Promise Ministries  
19966 Winfield Road  
Winfield, WV 25213

## Memorial Service

OCT 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory Clay Thornton*



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**Chapman Funeral Homes** - October 18, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Gregory Clay Thornton*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Clay Thornton.*



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October 18, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Gregory Clay Thornton, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, Gregory Clay Thornton, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - October 18, 2020 at 05:17 AM

WS

“ *Wilma Stanley lit a candle in memory of  
Gregory Clay Thornton*



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**Wilma Stanley** - October 17, 2020 at 03:26 PM

WS

“ To our Dear Neighbor Betty Lipscomb and all her Family Members, We are So So Sorry for your Loss, May God be with each and everyone during this difficult time. Love to All. Gary and Wilma Stanley.

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**Wilma Stanley** - October 17, 2020 at 03:26 PM

VB

“ Matt and family I'm so saddened to hear about the loss of your Dad. He was a sweet and caring person and will be sadly missed . Love and prayers.



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**vio lawson and inez bird** - October 17, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Clay Thornton.



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October 17, 2020 at 12:16 AM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many. Keep the faith. Jerry & Darlene

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**Jerry R Thornton** - October 16, 2020 at 10:39 PM

JW

Our hearts are breaking for your entire family....feel your pain,,,trust un the Lord and He will help you allthe way...

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**Jane Wishnant** - October 19, 2020 at 07:43 AM



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October 16, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *Greg was a sweet guy. Kind of quiet. We'll all miss him. Bobbi Dodson Miller '69.*

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**Bobbi Dodson Miller** - October 16, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *My Great Uncle Greg was my potato peeling buddy. We peeled potatoes for cooking at Christmas get-together for many years. During those times, Greg would listen to all the major and minor things I had to say. How he listened and responded to me made me feel like the most interesting and important person. When I got done talking Greg would tell me stories and he'd kid with me. His eyes always sparkled with kindness and he taught me how to peel potatoes. I'll always love my Great Uncle Greg.*

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**Molly Hutson** - October 16, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *I will always remember my Uncle Greg as a gentle soul who loved his family and friends. He had a special bond with all his nieces and nephews. I loved my uncle and will miss him but will remember walking to Huskeys for wax lips and Valley Bell for ice cream. Rest easy, Greg.*

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**Becky Hutson** - October 16, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Mary Payne lit a candle in memory of Gregory Clay Thornton*



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**Mary Payne** - October 16, 2020 at 07:10 PM