



## Thomas Kerry Thornton Sr.

December 16, 1936 - February 13, 2016

Mr. Thomas Kerry Thornton Sr. 80, of Laurel, passed away February 13, 2016 at South Central Regional Medical Center. Services will be at 12 noon Wednesday at Heritage Heights Baptist Church. The body will be placed in the church at 11:00 am. Rev Ken Regan will officiate. Burial will be at Bethlehem Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas C. and Jane Thornton. He was a member of Heritage Heights Baptist Church. He was owner and operator of T.K. Thornton Welding Service and T.K.Thornton Fire Extinguisher Service. He loved his family, church and God. He also was an avid hunter and fishman and was a gun and knives enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette Roberts Thornton of Laurel. Four sons Thomas Carey Thornton of Jackson, David Michael Thornton of Ellisville, Thomas Kerry Thornton Jr.

(Samantha) and Jeffery Bush both of Laurel. Five daughters Melissa Thornton of Memphis, TN, Eloise Thornton Lide (Cliff) and Cassandra Lee (Cassy) both of Brandon, Dariene Walters (Eddie) of Ellisville and Karen Jeanette Walker (Carlton) of Laurel. Three brothers Michael Thornton (Ruth), Byron C. "Butch" Thornton (Selma) and Chester Thornton (Pasty) all of Laurel. One sister Susan Norman of Laurel. Fifteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Mark Thornton, Doug

Thornton, Paul Thornton, Kenny Walters Sean Lubin and Faron Thornton.  
Honorary pallbearers will be Jay Lide and Jeremy Bush. Visitation will be  
Tuesday from 5 to 8 pm at Memory Chapel.  
To sign guestbook go to [www. memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery

838 Reid Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

EL

“ Miss you so very much . Hard to believe you are gone. I find myself picking up the phone to call you on the way home from work all the time. I loved you more than you ever knew.

eloise Lide - February 27, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Kerry Thornton Sr..



February 16, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Kerry Thornton Sr..



February 16, 2016 at 03:51 PM

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Eloise Lide - February 16, 2016 at 11:13 AM

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**Eloise Lide** - February 16, 2016 at 10:46 AM

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“ I love you Dad i will miss you greatly. Glad you got your wings. Now fly Daddy fly!  
Eloise



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**Eloise Lide** - February 16, 2016 at 10:21 AM



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February 16, 2016 at 09:48 AM

ME

“ I am so glad that I got to see Tommy at Mother's 90th birthday party just a few weeks ago. We always shared a hug and a laugh. He has been a part of our family for as long as I can remember and he and Jeanette were a perfect match through the good and the bad....but always!! He loved our family and we loved him!! He will be missed. Prayers for Jeanette and the rest of the family!!

*Marcia Polen Easterwood  
Cousin*

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**Marcia Easterwood** - February 16, 2016 at 08:54 AM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Thomas Kerry Thornton Sr..



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February 16, 2016 at 07:19 AM

VH

“ I remember using your welder's chalk to draw a hop-scotch all over your driveway. We would spend all day hopping around with a rock on our hands. Never wanting to be the one to drop it and sending us back to the starting block. Just one of many childhood pleasures that I treasure.



Your yard was the perfect place to play softball, freeze tag, catch fireflies and just have a lot of fun.

Thank you for tolerating all our antics. You helped make our childhood a blessed memory.

On a more serious note: Whan Daddy crashed into a bridge on his way home from "politicizing" as he called it. You drove Mom to the hospital Also, when Pa-Paw was killed, you met my parents, as they returned home from dinner, and shared the news with Daddy. But, the most cherished memory is your being a pallbearer at Daddy's funeral. You two shared a friendship that transcended time and distance. He told me that you were a fine man and a loyal friend.

Our family regards you with the utmost respect and love. We are honored to call you "friend".

Affectionately,  
The Preacher and Betty Hammack Family.

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Vicki Hammack - February 16, 2016 at 06:36 AM

LF

“ *Linda Vega and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Kerry Thornton Sr..*



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**Linda Vega and family** - February 16, 2016 at 03:43 AM

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**Eloise Lide** - February 15, 2016 at 07:47 PM