



William E. "Bill" Thornton Jr.

February 3, 1936 - March 20, 2025

William E. "Bill" Thornton Jr. age 89 of Lore City passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Countryview Assisted Living. He was born in Belmont County on February 3, 1936, a son of the late William E. Thornton Sr. and Esther (Reese) Thornton.

Mr. Thornton was a graduate of Bellaire High School class of 1954. He then attended Elliott Business School in Wheeling, W.V. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Fort Lewis Washington from 1961 to 1963.

Bill was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Bill started his career with Columbia Gas in 1961, working his way up into management of the Cambridge area. He had transferred and worked then retired from the Elyria offices after his years at Cambridge. He was a 54 year member of the Cadiz Masonic Lodge #219 and had been Past Master. Bill was very active in many local organizations including: being president of the Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce. He had been president of the Cambridge Rotary Club and on the board of the CIC and CAC. He was also a president of the Cambridge Band Boosters and a chairman of the Guernsey County United Way.

Bill is survived by: his wife of almost 64 years, Nancy E. (Daubenmeyer) Thornton; a son Todd (& Alicia) Thornton of Quaker City, Ohio; a brother George Thornton of Neffs, Ohio; two sisters, Judith Leiffer of Bellaire, Ohio and Linda Kay Thornton of Neffs, Ohio; a granddaughter Courtney (& Justin) Thornton Gray of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by: his parents; and three sisters, Robin Thornton,

Jean Howell and Nancy Fry.

A celebration of life will be held at Lore City United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 2 pm officiated by Pastor Carol Touvell. The church is located at 188 Main Street, Lore City, Ohio 43768.

Visitation was held at Bundy-Law Funeral Home on Sunday, March 23, 2025 where Masonic Services and Military Honors were performed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Guernsey at P.O. Box 1165 Cambridge, Ohio 43725 or the Lore City First United Methodist Church 188 Main Street Lore City, Ohio 43755. Bill's online guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lore City United Methodist Church
188 Main Street
Lore City, OH 43768

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Bill was my first mentor. I spilled Coffee on his desk during my first interview with him for a summer job and he still hired me. He was an amazing man, husband, father and loved his community and employees. He definitely made his mark on this world and was ready for the next. I wish I could be at his funeral but will be praying and thinking about his family. I just want to thank the entire Thornton family for all they did for me and my family. Until we see each other again Mr. Thornton. Thanks. Tim and Cathy Coffey.

Tim and Cathy Coffey - March 26, 2025 at 01:02 PM

GH

“ My sympathy and condolences go out to Mrs. Thornton, Todd, Alicia and the rest of the family for their loss. It was my pleasure to have known Mr. Thornton and I always enjoyed our conversations. He was a kind and positive gentleman who took time for others. Thoughts and prayers are sent your way to help provide additional comfort during this period of time.



Gordon Hough

Gordon Hough - March 25, 2025 at 08:20 PM



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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - March 24, 2025 at 07:59 AM

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What a beautiful service for a great guy! RIP Cousin Billy!

Debbie Edgar Cumberledge - March 24, 2025 at 10:25 PM



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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - March 24, 2025 at 07:59 AM

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“ *Condolences & Prayers for all of you*



Cheri Harding - March 23, 2025 at 07:12 PM

ES

“ *When Sue and I moved to Cambridge in 1985 we met Bill. It wasn't long before he was at my house digging up my front yard and installing a natural gas lamp post. He always gave more than he received. Condolences to Nancy and the family. . RIP Bill. 💙*

Eugene Spittle - March 23, 2025 at 02:37 PM

SC

“ Bill was a great friend and neighbor. We will miss him so much. He was always ready to lend a helping hand if he could and Brent will miss his occasional visits to the barn or field with a cold beer for him. And I will miss his garden veggies he raised and was so proud of.

Love your neighbors, Brent and Sue Chorey

Sue Chorey - March 21, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. "Bill" Thornton Jr..



March 21, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William E. "Bill" Thornton Jr..

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William E. "Bill" Thornton Jr..



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“ 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 William E. Thornton Jr., 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, William E. Thornton Jr., 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 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 21, 2025 at 07:38 AM

MB

To all of Bill's Family. Bill was a wonderful Boss at the Columbia Gas of Ohio in Cambridge where I worked. I am uplifting Many Prayers for strength and peace during this trying time. When Bill transferred to Elyria I introduced him to my brother Jim and the two of them played Many days playing golf. RIP 🙏🕊️🙏

Marilyn Callihan Barr - March 21, 2025 at 11:14 AM



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Marilyn Callihan Barr - March 21, 2025 at 11:19 AM