



## Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr.

June 30, 1964 - January 19, 2023

THORNTON, Mr. Cecil Ray Jr. - Age 58, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2023, at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 4:30 PM Friday, January 27, 2023, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 5:00 PM Elder Daniel Little Sr., officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 4:30 PM Friday. Mr. Thornton will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday. Mr. Cecil Ray "J.R." Thornton Jr. was born in Flint, Michigan on June 30, 1964 to Cecil Ray Sr. and Gertrude Louise Thornton (Clemons) Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr. graduated from Flint Northern High School Class of 1983. J.R. was the life of the party and he loved to dress up, he was always sharp. He enjoyed spending time with family and was a father figure, mentor as well as protector of many of his nieces and nephews. J.R. also enjoyed fishing, playing cards, barbecuing and going to the Golden Leaf.

Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: the mother of his children, Tammy Thornton; daughter, Franchezka Rhe'a Thornton, both of Flint; 2 sons, Cecil Ray Thornton III of Muskegon, MI and Justin Thornton of Sarasota, FL; 3 grandchildren, Lyric Flynn, Ayanna Flynn and Lay'la Thornton; 4 sisters, Phyllis Cole and Felicia Thornton, all of Flint, Cassandra Curtis of Lansing, MI and Leandrea Thornton of Gary, IN; 2 brothers, Clemie (Tammi) Thornton of Lansing, MI and Cedric Thornton of Gary, IN; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and god-brothers, Gregory (Pearlene) Brown and Arthur

(Danisha) Rowland Sr., Rodney Tipton, Walter Tipton Jr. and good friend, Reuben. Mr. Thornton was preceded in death by his son, baby Tayvion Thornton; parents Cecil R. Thornton Sr. and Getrude (Charlie) Clemons; sister, Jacqueline D. Houston; uncles, David J. Thornton, John T. Thornton, and Clemmie Thornton; aunt, Quester McNair and Patricia McNair ; brother-in-law, Eugene Cole; nephew, Tobias Thornton; and great-niece, Chaviea' Thornton-Pearson The family would like to express special thanks to the doctors and staff of the 4th Floor CCU and the 3rd Floor Physical Therapy Team at Hurley Medical Center.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 26. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
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## Family hour

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## Service

JAN 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr.*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - January 27, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr.*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Sending my prayers and condolences to the family. Love you*



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**Earline McFadden** - January 29, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Condolences to Phyllis Cole and the Thornton family.  
Lester & Barb Carson*



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**Lester & Barbra Carson** - January 27, 2023 at 07:35 PM

JM

“ We're going to miss you Jr. Love you !

*Uncle Jimmy*

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**Jimmy Martin** - January 27, 2023 at 05:05 PM

MH

“ God bless u my friend.



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**Mr Hook** - January 27, 2023 at 01:48 PM

PC

“ I can truly say I was my brother's keeper from your favorite sister gonna missed you bro Love you from Phyllis



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**Phyllis Cole** - January 27, 2023 at 12:18 PM

AK

“ Franchezka, RayRay and Justin, and family, my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dad and your loved one. May the God who gives peace be with all of you. Sending much love and hugs.



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**Auntie Kay** - January 26, 2023 at 08:46 PM

EB

“ Eddie Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Cecil Thornton Jr.



Eddie and Linda Booth - January 26, 2023 at 01:37 PM

NB

“ Absent from the body present with the Lord. Continued prayers for the family. Deacon J R Holmes & Sis. Nadie Holmes.



Nadie L Brackins-Holmes - January 26, 2023 at 06:18 AM

TN

“ Tanya Neely lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr.



Tanya Neely - January 25, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr..



January 25, 2023 at 11:05 PM

TT

“ *Rest in peace brother-in-law. We'll miss you,  
and love u always!*



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**Tammi Thornton** - January 25, 2023 at 09:30 PM

CF

“ *Cleo Fourney lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Cecil Ray Thornton Jr.*



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**Cleo Fourney** - January 25, 2023 at 07:53 PM

BT

“ I have so many memories of you none of them are bad I'm very thankful to have an uncle like you the sense of humor you have is out standing hands down the funniest thing you've ever said to me about having a Caucasian child mother is when you said I walked into a all you can eat restaurant and seen a pig with an apple in it's mouth and I was like there goes my baby "everyone picture it sounding like the usher song" My guy that was too funny I was mad cause I was in love with her but couldn't help but laugh. UC and I laughed at it till this day. I love you and always will. Uncle junior I truly believe that you was still morning the lost of bigma just like we all still are and now we morn you. Now you went to sleep and we're tucking you in your bed you're truly loved. I apologize to you and bigma for not getting to meet jazz aka Jazmine Thornton but she does have pictures of the all four of y'all so she knows the one's that are in bed.



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**Berlin Thornton** - January 25, 2023 at 06:28 PM

JL

“ Jan Libbett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr.



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**Jan Libbett** - January 25, 2023 at 02:28 PM

MH

“ *Mary Huddleston lit a candle in memory of Cecil Thornton*



Mary Huddleston - January 24, 2023 at 09:07 PM

TT

“ *Rip my Selby Hood Friend.*



Tia Tolliver - January 23, 2023 at 04:01 PM

TJ

“ *Tracy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Ray Thornton Jr.*



Tracy Johnson - January 22, 2023 at 01:36 PM

KA

“ *KATHY lit a candle in memory of Cecil Thornton*



KATHY - January 21, 2023 at 02:15 PM

JM

“ *James Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Cecil Thornton*



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**James Montgomery** - January 21, 2023 at 09:18 AM

CT

“ *Rest in peace big brother, love and miss you*



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**Clemie Thornton** - January 20, 2023 at 09:41 AM