



Pastor John Earl Thornton

December 4, 1939 - May 24, 2024

THORNTON, Pastor John Earl - Age 84, passed away Friday, May 24, 2024, at Southern California Hospital. Family hour 11:00 AM Saturday, June 15, 2024, at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 W. Carpenter Rd. with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM Pastor Alfred J. Harris Jr., Host Pastor, Pastor Kevin Thompson, Presiding Bishop Link Howard III. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Saturday. Pastor 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 Friday, June 14, 2024, with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUN **14.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

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Service

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of John Thornton



Jeanette Grady - September 13, 2024 at 11:13 PM

AT

“ Alean Turner lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



alean turner - June 29, 2024 at 07:17 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Jeanette Grady - June 28, 2024 at 07:16 PM

DF

“ Deborah Fisher-Grant lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Deborah Fisher-Grant - June 20, 2024 at 10:11 AM

MP

“ *Marilyn Twine and Marissa Pierce lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Marilyn Twine and Marissa Pierce - June 15, 2024 at 06:32 PM

MP

“ *Marilyn Twine/Marissa Pierce lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Marilyn Twine/Marissa Pierce - June 15, 2024 at 06:30 PM

VK

Rev Thornton was a wonderful man and friend to me and my family. God bless the family. 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Vivian Kelley - June 19, 2024 at 08:42 PM

SW

“ *Shirie Wade sent a virtual gift in memory of John Thornton*



Shirie Wade - June 15, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - June 14, 2024 at 06:01 PM

IK

“ *Lots of memories, with thoughts and prayers*



Irene Kirkland - June 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM

SR

“ *Sharena Roland lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Sharena Roland - June 14, 2024 at 11:02 AM

MM

“ *Mr.Nico G. And Mrs.Tesa L. Moore lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Mr.Nico G. and Mrs.Tesa L. Moore - June 13, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor John Earl Thornton.*



June 13, 2024 at 12:43 PM

EL

“ *Elder Michael and Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Elder Michael and Phyllis Leslie - June 12, 2024 at 09:18 PM

MP

“ *Melinda Pitts sent a virtual gift in memory of John Thornton*



Melinda Pitts - June 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Pastor John Earl Thornton.*



June 10, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Bishop Link and Lady Martha Howard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor John Earl Thornton.*

Bishop Link and Lady Martha Howard - June 10, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Link Howard III lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Link Howard III - June 10, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ *Our Sincere Condolences and love to Lisa and the family. Sending prayers of comfort Knowing that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. We're that praying that the Holy Spirit gives you the comfort, that you'll need at this most difficult time. Pastor Thornton has been a long time friend, and mentor it's time for him to receive his reward.*
RIH Pastor Thornton 🙏💙



Elder-Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children - June 08, 2024 at 01:16 AM

AJ

*Our Sincere Condolences, to Lynn and the family.
Pastor Thornton has been a long time friend, and mentor to us. it's was
time for him to receive his reward. Rest in peace.!*
Pastor Thornton...

Minister Craig and Elder Anna Johnson.

Anna Johnson - June 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM

MJ

*My condolences to the Thornton family, may Pastor Thornton rest in
the arms of Jesus. Love you all, the Edwards family.*

Mrs.Billie J.Edwards - June 11, 2024 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ *The Odom Family lit a candle in memory of
Pastor John Earl Thornton*



The Odom Family - June 07, 2024 at 12:15 AM

FG

“ *Sending my deepest heartfelt sympathy,
prayers, and condolences to the entire
Thornton Family, to Dot, Angie, Mell, Kevin,
and all the friends. May God give you all peace
and comfort. May Pastor John Thornton Rest in
Peace.*



Fredricka "Ricky" Gist - June 06, 2024 at 01:51 PM

RC

“ *Condolences to the family...*



Rose Cox - June 06, 2024 at 12:56 PM

SL

“ *Sheila Lomax lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Sheila Lomax - June 06, 2024 at 12:12 PM

HM

“ *House Of Prayer MBC lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



House of Prayer MBC - June 06, 2024 at 11:58 AM

EH

“ *Elisha Harrison lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Elisha Harrison - June 06, 2024 at 11:38 AM

BW

“ *Ben Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Ben Wilkerson - June 06, 2024 at 01:10 AM

VL

“ *Vincent Lipford lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Vincent lipford - June 04, 2024 at 11:10 PM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the Thornton family. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.*



Sheila Bailey-Waddell - June 04, 2024 at 08:34 PM

BJ

“ *Bobbie L Jones Jr lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Bobbie L Jones jr - June 04, 2024 at 06:37 PM

CH

“ Calvin & Pamela Hightower sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - June 04, 2024 at 07:53 AM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Aileen Spence - June 03, 2024 at 07:41 PM

AS

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Aileen Spence - June 03, 2024 at 07:41 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Aileen Spence - June 03, 2024 at 07:41 PM

FM

“ Fred Marshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Fred Marshall - June 03, 2024 at 02:45 PM

TM

“ Tamika Muldrew lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Tamika Muldrew - June 03, 2024 at 10:27 AM

DE

“ Uncle John was my great uncle and the brother of my granny. He was an amazing man. His presence brought joy and love to all that knew him. Rest in heavenly peace. Sending my love and condolences to the family 🙏.

DeidreThomas - June 03, 2024 at 08:17 AM

LB

“ Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of John Thornton



Lois Bell - June 03, 2024 at 04:31 AM

FT

“ *Gone but never forgotten. Rest in peace fam*



Fred Tumer - June 02, 2024 at 11:22 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Debra Jackson - June 02, 2024 at 10:50 PM

DY

“ *Denise Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Denise Yarbrough - June 02, 2024 at 10:10 PM

RH

“ My Condolences, Love And Prayers To You Lonnette, Lorrie & Lamar. I Love You All. 💕
I have so many fond memories of us growing up as kids on our Street with your Mom & Dad and his big Orange Chrysler 😂😂😂. Our Neighborhood was one big huge family. Back then we just called him Mr. Thornton. 😂😂😂
Rev. John E. Thornton was a very joyful man. He was always smiling, he would even try to sneak a joke or two in on you if you'd let him. I'm going to miss calling and talking with him or with him calling and telling me that he was coming back and that he'll see me within the next 2 weeks, every month. I knew that it wasn't going to happen, but if it made him feel good to say it , and it made me feel better to hear the joy in his voice when he said it. He's going to be very well missed by his Family and Friends. I Thank God for everyday that I was able to help and be there for him when he needed me before he moved to California to live with his daughter. You Will Always Be Remembered!
Job Well Done!
R.P.I.H Rev. John Earl Thornton 🕊️🌸🙏❤️



Ruthi Hill - June 02, 2024 at 09:48 PM

TS

“ Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Trina Stewart - June 02, 2024 at 09:33 PM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Trina Stewart - June 02, 2024 at 09:32 PM

MM

“ *Mayrene McGruder lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Mayrene McGruder - June 01, 2024 at 10:26 PM

TC

“ *Tommie Chaney lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Tommie Chaney - June 01, 2024 at 09:19 PM

DP

“ *Dewayne Payton lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Dewayne Payton - June 01, 2024 at 07:28 PM

HD

“ *Helen Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Helen Davis - June 01, 2024 at 06:27 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Smith-Blount sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Sandra Smith-Blount - June 01, 2024 at 11:01 AM

VS

“ *Great Uncle John was my Grandfather's Po Boy Brother he was a kind gentle and lovable man he always made me smile he was a strong loving member of the family and he will be missed tremendously*



Viva Thornton Summers - June 01, 2024 at 08:31 AM

RR

“ *Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Rodney Richardson - June 01, 2024 at 02:17 AM



“ *Marjorie Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Marjorie Chapman - June 01, 2024 at 12:25 AM



“ *Pastor Thornton will greatly missed. Our family has known for over 50 years. “John John”as we called him. Rest peace.*



Toni K. Adams & Mother Mary Lyle - May 31, 2024 at 09:31 PM



“ *To the Thornton family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Bennie and Denise Hairston



Denise Hairston - May 31, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ *James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



James and Lisa Blakley - May 31, 2024 at 12:14 PM

CB

“ *Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Cherry L. Brown - May 31, 2024 at 11:59 AM

MT

“ *My prayers to Dorothy Thompson, Rev. Kevin Thompson, Sr and the entire Thornton Family. May God comfort you as only He can. Margo Thompson*



Margo P Thompson - May 31, 2024 at 12:55 AM



“ *Wonderful memories of Rev. Thornton and days at New J. Rest in Power, job WELL DONE!!👑💜*



Kimberly Hall-Miller - May 30, 2024 at 07:47 PM

AJ

“ *Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Abby Johnson - May 30, 2024 at 06:29 PM

DT

“ *Debby Taylor lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Debby Taylor - May 30, 2024 at 06:06 PM

IR

“ *Iris lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Iris - May 30, 2024 at 05:00 PM

JP

“ *My condolences to the Thornton family. Gods richest blessings and comfort during this difficult time. 💕🙏💕*



Joan Pointer - May 30, 2024 at 02:53 PM

LP

“ *Condolences to the family may God grant you the strength you need for this time, John was a wonderful loving person and will truly be missed.*



Louis and Dee Perry - May 30, 2024 at 01:59 PM

MF

“ Praying for my dear neighbors that became my family... I have memories to last decades.... Pastor Thornton will truly be loved and missed.... Love you all. 🙏💜🙏



MS.RENEE HILL-SYKES & FAMILY - May 29, 2024 at 11:06 PM

TK

“ Terri Kirkland sent a virtual gift in memory of John Thornton



Terri Kirkland - May 29, 2024 at 08:31 PM

TK

“ Terri Kirkland lit a candle in memory of John Thornton



Terri Kirkland - May 29, 2024 at 08:29 PM

SH

“ Shelia Phondria Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of John Thornton



Shelia Phondria Hayman - May 29, 2024 at 07:56 PM

KS

“ KATIE STEWART lit a candle in memory of
Pastor John Earl Thornton



KATIE STEWART - May 29, 2024 at 06:47 PM

KS

“ KATIE STEWART sent a virtual gift in memory
of Pastor John Earl Thornton



KATIE STEWART - May 29, 2024 at 06:46 PM

NL

“ Nicole Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of
Pastor John Earl Thornton



Nicole Lee - May 29, 2024 at 06:32 PM

CD

“ Sorry for the Thornton Family loss!



Carla Dunn - May 29, 2024 at 06:24 PM

SB

“ *Extending my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the Thornton Family and NJ Church Family.* ”



Sheila Bailey-Waddell - May 29, 2024 at 06:10 PM

RW

“ *Robin Williams-Mceachin lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton* ”



Robin Williams-Mceachin - May 29, 2024 at 05:49 PM

RW

“ *Robin Williams-Mceachin sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton* ”



Robin Williams-Mceachin - May 29, 2024 at 05:49 PM

DJ

“ *So sorry for the loss of Pastor Thornton. My prayers and condolences are with the family.* ”



Dione Jones - May 29, 2024 at 05:03 PM

DA

“ *Doris Allen lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Doris Allen - May 29, 2024 at 04:42 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Barbara Lakes - May 29, 2024 at 04:18 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Carol Gardner - May 29, 2024 at 02:39 PM

HM

“ *Helen McBride lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Helen McBride - May 29, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Thornton family. Hold on to God's unchanging hands.* ”



Marva Johnson - May 29, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *Jeannie Mayberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton* ”



Jeannie Mayberry - May 29, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ *Lydia Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton* ”



Lydia Coleman - May 29, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *GWEN, MCKAY-BARTON lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton* ”



GWEN, MCKAY-BARTON - May 29, 2024 at 10:15 AM

DW

“ *Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Diane Williams - May 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

MW

“ *Mother Mary A. Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Mother Mary A. Williams - May 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

CD

“ *Sorry for your lost praying for you and your family he will be missed*



Cindy Duncan - May 29, 2024 at 09:25 AM

RA

“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



ReGina Adams - May 29, 2024 at 08:55 AM

SC

“ So Many Good Memories of Pastor Thornton, will always be remembered!! He Will be Missed at NJFBC!! Prayers to The Thornton Family!!❤️



Sylvia Cabell - May 29, 2024 at 02:56 AM

RB

“ Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Rosa Burnett - May 28, 2024 at 11:18 PM

RC

“ Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Rahsheem J Covington - May 28, 2024 at 07:16 PM

SP

“ Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton



Sandra Payne - May 28, 2024 at 06:19 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Leake lit a candle in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Barbara Leake - May 28, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CS

“ *My condolences to the family!!!* 🙏🙏🙏



Cliffton Sykes - May 28, 2024 at 03:26 PM

TM

“ *Theresa McQuiddy sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor John Earl Thornton*



Theresa McQuiddy - May 28, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss*



Carolyn Mayo - May 28, 2024 at 11:52 AM