



## Mr. John Earvin Thornton II

June 28, 1969 - April 29, 2025

THORNTON, Mr. John Earvin II - Age 55, passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at Medilodge of Montrose.

Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, May 9, 2025 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:00 AM 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. Johns E.

Thornton Jr II was born June 28, 1969 in Flint MI. the son of John Sr. and Clara Thornton. He graduated from Beecher High School in 1987. There he was an avid football player, shot putter and weight lifter. John still has records that he set at Beecher that have yet to be broken. Upon graduating, he attended Cincinnati University majoring in criminal justice. He loved Cincinnati University. After 2 years at the university, John was drafted to the NFL by the Cleveland Browns and the New Orleans Saints. He played with the Browns until significant injuries overcame his ability to play at that time. John worked in retail, moved to Louisiana and resided there for 12 years. He then moved back to Flint when his health started to decline. John leaves to cherish in his memory: mother, Clara Thornton; brother, Eric Thorton. John was the proud uncle of Johntez, Emiya, Travion and Timaria and Eric Jr and Zander. John was preceded in death by his father, John Thorton Sr.; grandparents, J.C. Thornton and Clauzell Jones, and J. C. Randal; grandmother, Margie Jones

and Essie Randaul and Maude Thornton; 2 aunts, Flossie Randaul and Jamie Thornton; uncles, Thomas Randual, Eugene Jones, James Thornton. John Thornton Jr. leaves to keep his memory alive; aunt, Helen Swift of Dyersburg, TN; sister-in-law, Wendy Thornton.

John leaves to cherish best friends, Ronald Packnett, James Deloney Jr. Charles Webb; John's extended sister and caregiver, Trishelle Mullen and Kerry Mahan. The family would like to express special thanks to Doctors and Nurses at Hurley Hospital and Medilodge Nursing Facility and McLaren Home Health.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 8.** 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  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John Earvin Thornton II*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 09, 2025 at 08:38 AM

JH

*I am praying for your family* ❤️🙏  
*Juliana caraway*

Juliana Hardaway - May 09, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CD

“ *Coach Shelton Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earvin Thornton II*



Coach Shelton Davis - May 09, 2025 at 06:07 PM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earvin Thornton II*



Rosalind Smith - May 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM

DW

“ My sincere condolences and prayers are with Clara and Eric and Family, I have known John or what we called him Junior , since he was in Junior High School and I considered The Jones and Thornton Family my Family , John was a Quiet Gentle Giant of a Man , He Loved his Football and working out keeping his body chiseled , John was very close to his mother, Which I Prayed for dearly . My Heart is very heavy .John Continue to Fly High among the Heavens My Little Big Brother



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**Derrek & Regina Williams** - May 09, 2025 at 08:07 AM

CM

“ Caroline Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earvin Thornton II



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**Caroline Miller** - May 08, 2025 at 06:31 PM

GS

“ My deepest condolences to my cousin, Clara on the loss of your son, Big John. Sending all my Love and prayers. Love you, Gina Smith 🤍🙏😊

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**Gina Smith** - May 06, 2025 at 08:13 PM

BC

“ *Beecher c/o1988&1989 lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



**Beecher c/o1988&1989** - May 06, 2025 at 12:50 PM

MC

“ *MAMA Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Earvin Thornton II*



**MAMA Cunningham** - May 05, 2025 at 06:45 PM

MT

“ *Mr. Clemie Thornton and Family*



**Mr Thornton** - May 05, 2025 at 10:22 AM

RH

“ *To Aunt Clara and the rest of the family,  
Sincere Condolences, Prayers and Love to  
you all.  
God Bless You.... From, Rena, Jeff & Jacolby*



**Rena Horton** - May 05, 2025 at 01:28 AM

KM

“ Jeff (Darrell) and I send our sincere condolences to the rest of our family. Rest in peace John John.



Kimberly Mitchell - May 04, 2025 at 11:23 PM

AS

“ Praying for and with you, my sincere condolences to you and ski. God to sustain you and carry you.



Alma StarksBarnett - May 04, 2025 at 10:12 PM

JF

“ Sorry for your loss from Jesse(Weedie) wife Jennifer and family. Praying for family

Jesse(Weedie)Jennifer Webb & family - May 04, 2025 at 06:43 PM

OR

“ Odessa Robison lit a candle in memory of John Thornton



Odessa Robison - May 04, 2025 at 03:00 PM

RR

“ *Ronnie Robison lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Ronnie Robison - May 04, 2025 at 03:00 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Calhoun lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Brenda Calhoun - May 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM

FM

“ *Love you family . Even though oir hearts are heavy. Bengals gained a angel in heaven  
Love you Jr.  
Dell Mitchell*



Frances Dell Mitchell - May 03, 2025 at 06:03 PM

RS

“ *Rosetta Simpson lit a candle in memory of John Thornton*



Rosetta Simpson - May 03, 2025 at 11:18 AM

TW

“ Tammy Webb-Blount sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Earvin Thornton II



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**Tammy Webb-Blount** - April 30, 2025 at 05:13 PM

FM

“ To Clara my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. This is such a shock to us. I pray God will lighten your heartache. Clara he is OK now you ran every time he needed you. Rest on cousin you're OK now.



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**Frances Dell Mitchell** - April 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM

GS

*Wonderful words Cuz Dell*

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**Gina Smith** - May 06, 2025 at 08:15 PM