



Roger Dale Thornton

March 10, 1958 - February 16, 2023

Roger Dale Thornton of Minor Hill passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 16th, 2023, at his home in Giles County. He was born in Pulaski, Tennessee on March 10, 1958 and was 64 years old. Roger was also known as Gus, Gusto, Dar, and Popdaddy.

Roger was passionate about being an over the road driver. His career spanned over 40 years. He was presented with the million-mile safety award and was a mentor to numerous fellow drivers. Anyone that knew Roger knows he took pride in the cleanliness and upkeep of his vehicles. Roger wouldn't ride in a vehicle that wasn't clean. He was a person that couldn't sit still. Roger could always be found working in the yard or out riding the gator around the farm. He truly loved his family, big rigs, and old cars. Vacation time was always a special moment for him, he loved going on trips to the mountains and doing everything in his power to make his family happy. Roger had a big heart and would help anyone he came across. In lieu of flowers he would be so happy if donations were made to St Jude's or St Baldricks Foundation (childhood cancer research).

Visitation will be 11:00am to 1:00pm Monday, February 20, 2023, at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 1:00pm Monday, February 20, 2023, in the Chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home. The burial will follow in the Jackson Cemetery in Minor Hill, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Guy Thornton and Doris Chapman Durham. Daughter, Tiffany Renee Thornton Perkins.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years Renee Word Thornton of Minor Hill, Tennessee.

Daughter, Jennifer Thornton Morgan of Minor Hill, Tennessee.

Honorary son, Nevin (Kari) Norwood of Winchester, Tennessee.

Brother, Jerry (Dawn) Mitchell of Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother and Sister-in-law, Barry Joe Word and wife Paula of Minor Hill, TN

Sister and brother-in-law, Lisa Word Oliver and husband Mickey of Frankewing, TN.

Grandchildren, Landon (Marye Kaine) Thornton, Layton Smith, Cayden (Alex) White, and Sabrie Perkins.

Great Grandchildren, Gracen Thornton, Drake White, Swayde Thornton, soon to be Daxton White arriving in June.

A Very Special person God sent to us in our time of need Zac Keeton.

Nephews, Nic (Hailey) Oliver and Brody Word.

Several other family members and friends also survived.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Roger Dale Thornton.

Cemetery Details

Jackson Cemetery

Jackson Cemetery Road
Minor Hill, TN 38473

Tribute Wall

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“ Renee so sorry about Gus I didn't know he was in that bad of health like I said I am so sorry for your lost God bless

Steve Thompson - February 21, 2023 at 04:17 PM

DH

“ David, Betty, And Kevin Hopper lit a candle in memory of Roger Dale Thornton



David, Betty, and Kevin Hopper - February 20, 2023 at 12:25 PM

MC

“ MIKE CHANDLER lit a candle in memory of Roger Dale Thornton



MIKE CHANDLER - February 20, 2023 at 10:18 AM

DB

“ Deborah Blade lit a candle in memory of Roger Dale Thornton



Deborah Blade - February 19, 2023 at 09:09 PM

KT

“ With Deepest Sympathy, Kathy Gatlin
Thomas, Minor Hill Tn.



Kathy Thomas - February 19, 2023 at 01:35 PM

TS

“ TAMMY Stafford lit a candle in memory of
Roger Dale Thornton



TAMMY Stafford - February 18, 2023 at 02:58 PM

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“ Sweet Popdaddy!! Loved him dearly and he always had a sundrop
for me. Miss him already. ❤️❤️

Camie (Penny) - February 18, 2023 at 02:28 PM



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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - February 18, 2023 at
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