



Joseph Earl Thorne Sr

March 14, 1942 - September 29, 2015

THORNE, Joseph Earl, Sr., 73, a current resident of Tallassee, AL formally of Prattville, AL went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. from Prattville Memorial Chapel with Reverend Titus Judah officiating. Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial directing. Mr. Thorne was preceded in death by his great-grandson, Noah Lamar Rhodes; father, Joseph Samuel Thorn; mother, Delene Baker Thorn; step-mother, Louise Welch Thorn and sister, Mildred. He is survived by mother of his children, Gloria Kirsch and Sherry Thorne Taunton; adopted daughter, Stephanie Ann Moates; five sons, Joseph E. Thorne, Jr, John Fleming Thorne, Sr. (Sonya), Terry Wayne Thorne, William Grady Thorne (Lindsey) and Michael Cory Thorne(Victoria); 13 grandchildren, Amanda Thorne Rhodes (Kevin), John F. Thorne, Jr., Levi Lamar Thorne, Meaghan Delane Thorne, Travis Lee Thorne, Amber Rose Thorne, Karli Shae Thorne, Rylee Cooper Thorne, Tyler Thorne, Dustin Thorne, Sierra D. Moates, Hayden N. Moates and Connor E. Moates; three great-grandchildren, Brayden Lee Thorne, Hannah Rae Rhodes and Emma Grace Rhodes; four sisters, Elaine, Patti, Pam and Peggy; two brothers, Howard Thorne and David Thorne (Sara); extended family and many friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday evening at Prattville Memorial Chapel from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
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Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The absolute true definition of a real man who shaped and formed several boys into men jus being who he was. I called him paw paw but he was just as much a father figure in my life from spending summers and weekends with him all the way to him living in the house right behind me he was a constant positive role model in my life. My wife never got to meet him or she understand why I pick at her all the time cause that's what paw paw done to anyone he loved if he wasn't picking on you he was mad with you bout something. I remember every Saturday and Wednesday also during our summers we would go to Clanton sales before daylight or you get left me paw paw n the boys occasionally manda duke as well would go and make a day of it off of 10 bucks a piece the man had no idea how much he was our childhood. He tell me when we got out the truck now John we don't need no more ** rabbits lol I miss him so much. When we're kids funerals aren't so bad it's jus a lack of emotional connection and memories but the older we get the more they start to sting. As a family we didn't just lose a leader, grandfather, dad, etc we lost our glue the one that held us all together. Paw paw jus want you to know I know I wasn't where I needed to be in life when you left but hope your looking down on me now laying my old self at the foot of that ol cross and walking the walk now and trying be half the man you were... I hope God's got you coaching group of young men in heaven right now w streets of gold paved straight to you cause I can't wait to see you again....love always John jr*

John Thorne - July 29, 2025 at 11:59 AM

MS

“ I've known Joe all of my life. He worked for my father at Jack's Food Store as a young man. He was such a fine person, always smiling and taking time for others. I haven't seen him in many years but will always remember him with fondness. He was a dear and sweet man. My deepest sympathy to his family and may God bless and comfort you all.

Marilyn Schmacker - October 01, 2015 at 01:08 PM

KR

“ One of the best men I have had the privilege of being around. Knew him all my life, as a little boy I remember going into food fair where he was a meat cutter, he would talk to me everytime we went past the meat department. Then later in life I met a beautiful woman that I married and found out he was her grand paw. He was such a pleasure to be around and is going to be missed by many. Rest in peace Papa Joe and ROLL TIDE.

kevin rhodes - September 30, 2015 at 05:30 PM

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“ My paw paw was the best man that ever walked this earth!!! I will miss him so much its unreal. Football and westerns will never be same. I love you so much paw paw rest easy!!!!



Amanda Thorne Rhodes - September 30, 2015 at 04:43 PM

EB

“ Joe coached my son, Anthony Friday, in Dixie Youth baseball many years ago. He was a good person and was really good with all the young boys. He would go out of his way to get them to practice and to and from the games.

Joe loved his three sons that he had at the time and always had them with him. Thank you Joe for what you did to help Anthony to grow into the fine young man and father he is today.



Edna Brooks - September 30, 2015 at 04:26 PM