



Lacey "Bub" Thornton

April 3, 1924 - November 21, 2014

Lacey "Bub" Melvin Thornton of Kentuck died November 21, 2014 at Danville Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

Mr. Thornton was born April 3, 1924 in Pittsylvania County a son of Clyde Albert Thornton and Hilda Barker Thornton. Mr. Thornton was an Army Staff Sergeant and Squad Leader during World War II (1944-46) and served with the 5th Division in the European Theater. After retiring from a lifelong career as a tobacco farmer.

Mr. Thornton continued his love of farming and the outdoors by helping his nephew, Kemp Thornton, continue to raise tobacco on the family farm. He was also a devoted Atlanta Braves baseball fan. He attended Kentuck Baptist Church.

Mr. Thornton was the beloved father of three daughters: Kaye Thornton Lewis and husband Mike of Lynchburg, VA; Cheryl Thornton Sloan and husband Millard of Providence, NC and Paula Thornton Morris and husband Weldon of Ringgold, VA. Mr. Thornton had five grandchildren: Amy Lewis Simmers and her husband Kinley, Dustin Lewis and his wife Liz, Matthew Morris, Amanda Morris and Laura Sloan Stigall and her husband Matt. He also had three great-grandchildren: Blair and Ellie Simmers and Emma Lewis.

Mr. Thornton is also survived by one brother Tommy Kemp Thornton and his wife Betty Ann, two sisters Hilda Thornton Booth and Melba Thornton Collie and her husband John, all of Ringgold, VA, a sister-in law Peggy Hall and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Thornton was predeceased by his wife of 47 years Ruby Colleen Hall Thornton and five siblings: George Albert Thornton, Olin Corbin Thornton, Willie Lemuel Thornton, Eugene Lee Thornton and Anna Mae Thornton.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Kentuck Baptist Church with the Reverend Alan Mahan officiating. Interment will follow in the Blankenship-Thornton Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church and at other times will be at the residence, 7188 Kentuck Road, Ringgold, VA.

Due to Lacey's longtime volunteer service, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Kentuck Volunteer Fire Department.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main is respectfully serving the Thornton Family.

Cemetery Details

Blankenship Family Cemetery

Ringgold, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Kentuck Baptist Church
1845 Kentuck Church Rd
Ringgold, VA

Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lacey "Bub" Thornton .*



November 24, 2014 at 07:34 AM



“ *Carolyn Durham, Perry lit a candle in memory of Lacey "Bub" Thornton*



Carolyn Durham, Perry - November 23, 2014 at 12:18 PM



“ *Kay, I'm so sorry for your loss. I am keeping you and your family in my prayers. God bless you and your family. Lori Ogden*



Lori Ogden - November 23, 2014 at 09:54 AM



“ *To all of the family, I extend my deepest sympathy in your loss. Thoughts and prayers will be with you as you go through the coming days. May God Bless You All.*

Cynthia Wilson Guill

Cynthia Guill - November 23, 2014 at 06:44 AM

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“ Cheryl, so sorry to hear about your father. Keeping your family in my prayers.

Marie Richardson - November 22, 2014 at 11:38 PM