



## Rev. Bob James Thorne

July 11, 1942 - June 8, 2020

Robert James Thorne, 77, of Danville, VA passed away on Monday, June 8, 2020, surrounded by his family and friends.

Bob was born on July 11, 1942 to the late James W. Thorne and Hattie Chambers Thorne of Tangier, VA. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kaitlyn Thorne; sister, Isabelle Parks; brother, Donald Thorne; niece, Rose Parks; and nephews, Jeff Parks, Hughie Thorne, and Mike Thorne.

Bob graduated from Tangier High School. He married the love of his life Frances P. Thorne; they were married for 50 years. They are the parents of Robert Jeffery Thorne (Lyndsay), Joshua David Thorne (Shauna). He has a brother, Jack Thorne; sisters, Ginny Marshall, Grace Pruitt, Alice Crockett; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Bob was a waterman for several years and the Mayor of Tangier for 9 years. He was involved in getting the first phase of the seawall on the west side of the island and was also involved in the recreation center. He served on the board of Aviation for Virginia and for the Marine Resource Commission.

While being an active member of Swain Methodist Church he served on many committees, then the Lord called on him to join the ministry in which he served

from 1982 to 2019. He was dedicated to doing the Lord's work and served several churches and was blessed by all.

Bob loved his family, especially his grandson, Wesley Paul Thorne and granddaughter, Lindsey Michelle Thorne. He liked to go fishing, crabbing and love to tell funny stories, traveling and the love he lived shined out to the people he came to know. He will truly be missed.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Reverend Intek Oh, the Reverend Edward Pruitt and the Reverend Johnny Thorne officiating. Interment will follow the service in Highland Burial Park.

The family will receive friends at the residence, 2357 Inman Rd, Danville, VA 24541 on Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorial donations be made to Swain United Methodist Church, Tangier, VA or to Liberty Hospice.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Thorne family.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thorne Residence  
2357 Inman Road  
Danville, VA 24541

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Bob James Thorne*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - June 11, 2020 at 01:39 PM

DM

“ *A wonderful man and neighbor. I loved his sweet smile and good heart.*

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**Denise Murray** - June 14, 2020 at 04:07 AM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences for a loving, caring, and God fearing family. Pastor Bob was an extraordinary shepherd of his flock. He and his Family was God's blessings to Mount Comfort and Trinity in Appomattox. Your sadness of today will ripen into cherished and precious memories tomorrow. Our love and God's blessings to each of you. Gordon, Jo Anne, Phil, Stephanie, Drew, Millie, Tatum, and Timmy.*

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**Jo Anne Martin** - June 12, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JB

“ *Frances & Family,  
Deepest sympathy to you all in this time of  
loss. I always enjoyed working with Bob and  
listening to his sermons and stories. May God  
grant you all peace knowing Bob has reached  
the ultimate reward.*

*Jimmy Burcher*

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**Jimmy Burcher** - June 12, 2020 at 10:08 AM



JM

“ *Bob and his wife were the sweetest couple  
ever. He was a very kind person and his kind  
heart showed. My prayers are with his family.*

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**Jennifer S. Moon** - June 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM



MO

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Rev. Thorne. My mother  
really enjoyed his singing at Brosville Church. He was a fine man  
and he will be missed. My thoughts will be with his family and  
friends.*

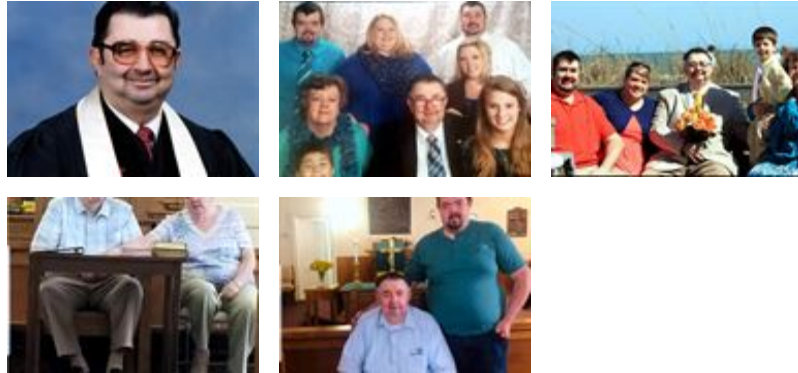
*Mark Oakes  
Chester, VA*

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**Mark Oakes** - June 11, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - June 11, 2020 at 01:31 PM

PH

So very sorry for your loss. Praying for the whole family. God gained a wonderful angel.

Paula Wyatt Helms - June 12, 2020 at 12:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Bob James Thorne.



June 11, 2020 at 09:32 AM

AM

“ Anne And Jimmy Marr lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bob James Thorne



Anne and Jimmy marr - June 10, 2020 at 06:27 PM

GS

“ *Frances and family, so sorry to hear this news. Such a sweet man. Sending my deepest condolences and love. Georgia Stromer*

Georgia Stromer - June 09, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Bob James Thorne.*



June 09, 2020 at 08:54 PM

BJ

“ *One of the Godliest men I ever knew. We loved and respected him so much. He is now where he always knew he would be. Our deepest condolences to my friends the Thorne family.*

Brian Jones - June 09, 2020 at 08:32 PM

SB

“ *Framces & Children,*

*We are so sorry for the loss of your precious Bob. Pastor Bob was truly a man called of God. Every aspect of his life you could see the Lord shining through him. He could preach a sermon that would make your toes tingle. His sense of humor kept us smiling during church activities. There was no one like him or his sweet Frances. We love you all so much and are praying for you. Bob is singing (which he could do so well) with the angels now. He will be missed but never forgotten.*



*Love & Prayers,*

*Sue & Edwin Blackstock (Hurt U. M. Church)*

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**Sue Blackstock** - June 09, 2020 at 11:38 AM

BB

“ *Spanky and I used to ride the school bus together and the only time I ever got to see Mr Thorne was outside their home whenever he happened to be outside. You can tell a lot about people by the way their children act. Spanky has always been kind and caring. I always think about him and his family when I pass the house on 58 where they used to live. Even before they moved I have always wanted to stop by but never had the courage 😞 because he would not have known me from Adam but through the love of God he instilled in his son I always felt like I knew them. The heart that was in him still lives on in his family and will help make this world a better place. See you in heaven 😇 sir.*

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**Beau Crystal Butler** - June 09, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KP

“ *Frances and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. We have so many wonderful memories of when we all lived on Tangier and going to SMUMC together and our Monday night meetings and desserts. Chuck said that’s when he was introduced to pineapple fingers, and still loves them to this day. Bob touched many people on Tangier with his outgoing personality and his witness for Christ. We love yo all, Chuck & Karen Parks*



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**Karen Parks** - June 08, 2020 at 09:22 PM

SK

“ *I never met Rev. Thorne but worked beside Robert for many many years and his dad was the topic of a lot of our conversations.. Prayers to the family.*

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**Scott Keels** - June 08, 2020 at 09:12 PM

CB

“ *I remember Bob so well as we were neighbors when I was a child and he was a teen. So proud to have known him! Love to Frances, my classmate and his siblings who are left behind.*  
*Charlotte George Bryant*



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**Charlotte George Bryant** - June 08, 2020 at 06:53 PM

JE

“ *Francis and family, I am sorry to hear of your loss.*

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**Jeanne** - June 08, 2020 at 06:27 PM

AT

“ So sorry for your loss you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Allen & Joan Thomas** - June 08, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Bob James Thorne.



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June 08, 2020 at 05:15 PM