



## Russell Lee Thornton

October 25, 1958 - October 12, 2023

Russell "Rusty" Lee Thornton passed away on October 12, 2023, at his home in Parrottsville, TN. He was born on October 25, 1958. Rusty was a loving father, grandfather, and husband, always willing to go above and beyond to support his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean Guinn, and father, Robert Thornton; Father-in-law, Thomas "Tommy" Costner.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Patricia "Trish" Thornton, and his children Robert (Tonya) Thornton and Brittany Bible. Rusty was also blessed with 4 grandchildren Ashton Thornton, Rylan Thornton, Maeghan Thornton, and Nolan Bible. Siblings, Terri (Gary) Whitt and Randy (Jana) Thornton. Mother-in-law Rebecca Cureton (Gary James) and chosen family Brandon Bible.

Rusty retired from Bush Brother's after 55 years of employment in 2022.

In his free time, Rusty enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his family.

A memorial service to celebrate Rusty's life will be held 5 pm Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 265 Trentham Hollow Road, Parrottsville, TN 37843

Russell "Rusty" Lee Thornton will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.



# Previous Events

## Memorial service

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Service  
265 Trentham Hollow Road  
Parrottsville, TN 37843

# Tribute Wall

WC

“ William C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Lee Thornton.

William C. - November 07, 2023 at 01:46 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brittany - October 25, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Lee Thornton.



October 25, 2023 at 09:49 AM



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October 25, 2023 at 07:03 AM

TS

“ Trish I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Rusty. You both made each other complete. Please know you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love u



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**Teresa Lillard Stephenson** - October 24, 2023 at 03:30 PM

KK

“ Prayers and hugs for you Trish and the family.  
  
Kay Keener

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**Karen Keener** - October 23, 2023 at 04:45 PM

LO

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for Peace & Comfort during this difficult time.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Ralph & Lula Ozmun

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**Lula Ozmun** - October 23, 2023 at 11:32 AM

BO

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Barbara Ottinger** - October 18, 2023 at 11:39 AM

CS

“ Rest in peace ole buddy you will be missed, prayers for the family!!!

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**carl wayne self** - October 17, 2023 at 07:26 PM

DP

“ This past spring, Rusty and I talked about a possible family golf outing. I feel that I left this on the back burner. It is terrible knowing that the chance to play a round of golf with my Cousin has passed.  
*David and Debbie Pruett*

David and Debbie Pruett - October 17, 2023 at 02:18 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. Rusty was our friend. You are in our prayers.

John & Norma Clark - October 16, 2023 at 07:35 PM

R.

“ Robert . purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Russell Lee Thornton.



Robert . - October 16, 2023 at 04:39 PM

R.

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Robert . - October 16, 2023 at 04:39 PM

TF

“ May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss.

*With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,  
Jabo & Tammy Francis*

Tammy Francis - October 16, 2023 at 10:19 AM

RW

“ So sorry to hear of Rusty's passing. He was a good man . Thoughts and prayers.

Roger Williams - October 15, 2023 at 06:56 PM

MB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Rusty will be missed greatly.

Mike and Patricia Brackins

Mike Brackins - October 15, 2023 at 01:27 PM

TB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss I'm praying for you and everyone 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 love you



Tammy Ball, David Brooks - October 14, 2023 at 11:29 AM

NS

“ Ashton, we are so sorry to read of your Granddads passing. We are praying for you and all your family. Nancy & Bobby Swanger

Nancy Swanger - October 14, 2023 at 11:03 AM

TS

“ Trish I am so sorry for your loss. No words can really bring the comfort and peace you need. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Please reach out if you need to.



Teresa Stephenson - October 14, 2023 at 10:51 AM

AB

“ Robert and family,  
So very sorry for your loss. Praying for each of you and that God provide each of you with strength and comfort.

Amy Ball - October 14, 2023 at 07:34 AM

JD

“ So Sorry to hear of Rusty’s passing ❤️🙏🙏🙏

Jim Derrick - October 14, 2023 at 07:00 AM

GO

I will miss ole pooch face. He was a good friend for a lot of years.  
George Owenby

George Owenby - October 20, 2023 at 08:32 AM

BE

“ Robert,

So sorry about you losing your dad. I know what you're going through. I lost my momma last year, and I miss her every single day. It's something you'll never get over, but God will get you through.

May God comfort you during this difficult time. And if you ever need anything, just holler.

Love you buddy.

Benjamin Evans - October 13, 2023 at 09:46 PM

VS

“ Trish and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I’m praying that God will comfort your hearts as only He can. John 14:1-3, John 14:18

Vicki Swatzell - October 13, 2023 at 09:39 PM

JF

“ I grew up with Rusty. He was 2 months older than me. When we were kids he stayed over with me and I with him. He was truly a good person. I pray for him and his family. You will be missed.

Jeff Fox - October 13, 2023 at 04:02 PM

BC

“ Trish, Sorry to hear about Rusty’s passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you in your hurt and sadness. I always enjoyed talking with Rusty and the motorcycle trips we took years ago. Rusty was a good family man and friend. May God bless you and your family.



Bobby Clevenger - October 13, 2023 at 03:27 PM

EH

“ Rusty and I went to school together. So saddened to hear of his passing. Prayers for you all.  
Elaine Dockery Harper

Elaine Dockery Harper - October 13, 2023 at 01:10 PM

AO

“ Trish & Family I don't have the words to say how sorry am to hear about Rusty passing. I will keep you all in my thoughts & prayers now & the days to come



audrey owenby - October 13, 2023 at 12:04 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Rusty was a good man. Enjoyed working with him and being friends with him and his family. Prayers for all the family. 🙏🙏

Jimmy Grooms - October 13, 2023 at 11:55 AM

GG

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Gail Gossett - October 13, 2023 at 09:38 AM

LR

“ Trish and family I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you! 🙏🙏



Lorri Rollins - October 13, 2023 at 09:05 AM

SO

“ Randy, I am so so sorry to hear about Rusty passing away. Many many prayers for this family. God be with you in the days ahead. Randy I'm sorry. 💔🙏



Susie O'Dell - October 13, 2023 at 08:57 AM

TJ

“ So sorry to lose another cousin. Hugs and prayers Trish.  
Teresa Thornton Jarnagin

Teresa Thornton Jarnagin - October 13, 2023 at 08:47 AM

SH

“ Prayers for the family.

Sandy Henry - October 13, 2023 at 07:23 AM

PA

“ Trish , we are so sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family.  
Paulette, Cherokee

Paulette - October 13, 2023 at 04:59 AM

ST

“ Thoughts and prayers for all the family during this time.  
Mary Jo and Susan Taylor

Susan J Taylor - October 12, 2023 at 10:55 PM

CA

“ Prayers for the whole family. Trish I love you!!! Rusty aka Pops I'll never forget all the laughs n fun we've had. He was a very great man and a part of my childhood. The good ole days...

Casey - October 12, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ Trish & family. Mark & I are so sorry to hear about the passing of Rusty. Our prayers are with you & the family

Sandra G Steward - October 12, 2023 at 09:25 PM

R(

“ I had the privilege of working with rusty for many years as his fork lift maintains man from the Bailey co me and rusty became good friends I will miss him I will be praying for the family Rick (cooter).

rick sharp (cooter) - October 12, 2023 at 08:03 PM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. Rustynwill be greatly missed

Gail Gossett - October 12, 2023 at 07:28 PM

DC

“ Rest Easy Biggen 🚩  
David Clark

David Clark - October 12, 2023 at 07:20 PM

DD

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

David & Amy Dorsey

David & Amy Dorsey - October 12, 2023 at 06:48 PM

AW

“ So very sorry for your loss. I am thankful for the years I worked with him at Bush Brothers. Rusty was a kind friend. Praying for comfort and peace for the family.

Angie Williams - October 12, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Rusty passing. In our prayers always.

Pat N Patricia Taylor - October 12, 2023 at 06:07 PM

TG

“ Trish I'm so sorry to hear about your husband you have my deepest sympathies during this time my heart goes out to you. Prayers to you and your family during this difficult time 🙏

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**Tonya Gregg** - October 12, 2023 at 06:03 PM

BB

“ Our condolences and prayers are with all Rusty's family.

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**Becky & Charlie Boggan** - October 12, 2023 at 05:06 PM

RB

“ Trish, we are so sorry to hear of Rusty's passing. He was a great friend and mentor to me at Bush. He will be sorely missed. We had some really good and fun times together. Y'all are in our prayers.

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**Ron and Starr Ball** - October 12, 2023 at 04:43 PM

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“ Rusty was a wonderful part of our family. He always there for anyone. He was a family man and he will be deeply missed.



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**Nancy Matthews Owens** - October 12, 2023 at 04:37 PM

GG

“ A kind and generous man that we were thankful to have as a part of our family for almost 30 years. Thank you for everything, Rusty. You will always be missed, but also always fondly remembered. You made a lasting imprint upon so many of us especially Trish, Brittany, and Nolan. Prayers for all of your friends and relatives, my late great cousin. ❤️

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**Gary G. Garver** - October 12, 2023 at 03:59 PM

BW

*So sorry about Rusty he was like a brother.*

**Betty Banks Wise** - October 12, 2023 at 05:04 PM

PG

*Worked with for many yrs at Bushes always was good to me and will truly b missed*

**Pedro Gudger** - October 13, 2023 at 01:33 AM

RB

“ *Trish, so sorry for the loss of a dear friend and co worker. Our prayers for you and family during this time*

**Ray and Phyllis Boren** - October 12, 2023 at 03:58 PM

DW

“ *To the family,  
I worked with Rusty at Bush's over 16 years. He was a good friend and good boss. Really shocked to hear this. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Danny Whaley*

**danny whaley** - October 12, 2023 at 03:31 PM

ST

“ *Trish, I'm so sorry to hear the news about Rusty. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Sharon Taylor-Manning** - October 12, 2023 at 03:24 PM

JR

“ *In loving memory of a precious soul. June Holt Russell and family*



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**June Holt Russell** - October 12, 2023 at 03:04 PM

ER

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Rusty Thotntons family I have known this family for many years and so very sorry to get this news.*

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**Evelyn Brooks Reese** - October 12, 2023 at 07:26 PM

SK

*So sorry and shocked to hear this sad news. God grant you peace. Sandy kinkead*

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**Sandy Kinkead** - October 12, 2023 at 09:36 PM

TC

*Deepest sympathies to the family. May God comfort and console during this very trying time. I knew Rusty thru Bush's. Always a great guy.*

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**Todd Cummings** - October 13, 2023 at 01:22 PM

JE

*Our heart goes out to Rusty's family. He was a valued and most enjoyable associate at Bush.*

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**Jim Ethier** - October 14, 2023 at 11:18 PM

DK

*So sorry to hear about Rusty Prayers*

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**Debbie & Herbie Keller** - October 15, 2023 at 07:44 PM

TS

*Jana & Randy, So sorry to hear of Rusty's passing. He was a good man. Always like working with him when we were at Bush's. Trish you all are in my thoughts & prayers.*

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**Tracy Lane Shropshire** - October 17, 2023 at 04:06 PM