



James Howard Thornton

March 3, 1934 - March 13, 2026

James Howard Thornton, 92, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2026, at Copiah County Medical Center.

Mr. Thornton was born on March 3, 1934, to Henry Franklin Thornton and Mildred Didlake Thornton. He spent many years working at the G.E.M. plant where he helped manufacture laboratory furniture.

He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army and later in the Army National Guard.

Mr. Thornton was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Crystal Springs. He greatly enjoyed being involved in the church's seniors' group, playing dominoes with friends, participating in mission trips, and working with the church's Nail Benders ministry. A gifted gardener, he loved spending time outdoors and was known for being able to grow just about anything.

He is survived by his sons, Jimmy Thornton (Krysti), Wayne Thornton (Pam), and Phillip Thornton (Tawanna); his daughter, Darlene Teasley (Ricky); his sister, Marie Farmer; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Crystal Springs. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. at

the church, with interment in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery.

If ordering flowers, we recommend calling one of our local florists directly:

Crystal Springs

Wright's Florist 601-892-2891

Clear Creek Flowers 601-892-0070

Hazlehurst

Five 54 Floral 601-894-5524

Cemetery Details

Pilgrams Rest Cemetery

3121 Didlake Road
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs
300 S Jackson St
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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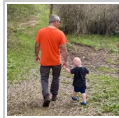
Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Howard Thornton*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - March 16 at 05:25 PM



Thank you for the care in putting this together.

Phillip Thornton - March 17 at 07:55 PM

FM

Beautiful

Fay Mahaffey - March 17 at 10:54 PM

KC

I'm so sorry for the family's loss.

Kathryn Cobb - March 20 at 10:38 AM

JM

“ *John Mitchell purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of James Howard Thornton.*



John Mitchell - March 17 at 08:44 PM

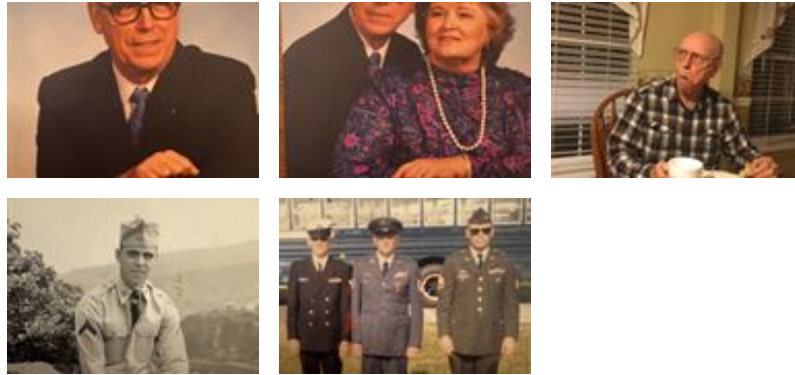
JM

“ John Mitchell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Howard Thornton.

John Mitchell - March 17 at 08:44 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stringer Family Funeral Service - March 17 at 11:41 AM

JK

“ I cannot recall a time when I didn't know Howard Thornton. We were friends for many decades, and we never had any kind of disagreement. Most of our interaction occurred at church. Howard lived a lifetime of faithful regularity in his church attendance and participation. I can picture him standing and singing in the choir loft of the old sanctuary of First Baptist Church, and that would have been in years prior to 1956, when we moved into the present sanctuary.

For many, many years, Howard was a stalwart member of the men's Sunday School class I am privileged to teach. It was in that class that I learned of his astounding Biblical knowledge. It was obvious that Howard Thornton had not merely read the Bible; throughout his life he had studied it intensely. And he retained the knowledge he acquired through that study.

Howard placed his faith and his trust in Jesus, and in Him alone. There is no doubt in my mind that Howard Thornton and I will be reunited in Heaven.

Jim Kitchens - March 16 at 01:19 PM

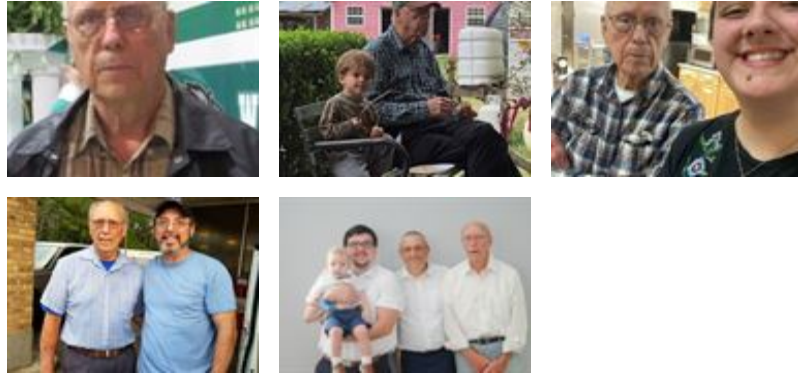


Thank you Mr. Jimmy. Your words mean so much to me.

Elizabeth Teasley - March 17 at 02:50 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stringer Family Funeral Service - March 16 at 12:22 PM

NS

“ Nell and David Stawasz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Howard Thornton.



Nell and David Stawasz - March 15 at 03:39 PM

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Nell and David Stawasz - March 15 at 03:39 PM

MF

“ *Meyers and Wood families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Howard Thornton.*



Meyers and Wood families - March 14 at 07:40 AM