



James Benjamin Thornburg, Jr

January 27, 1939 - January 21, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of James Benjamin Thornburg Jr., who passed away peacefully at his home in Visalia, California, on January 21, 2026, at the age of 86.

A man defined by his strong work ethic and devotion to his family, James spent his lifetime building a legacy of love and reliability. He found great fulfillment in his life with his wife, Ermal Ann; they were inseparable and shared a deep bond. In his free time, James enjoyed listening to oldies and working with his electronics.

James is survived by his loving children: Monty, Clarence, Karla, Janet, Rebecca, James, and Danielle; his brother, Bill; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Benjamin Thornburg and Hazel Manasa, and his beloved wife, Ermal Ann Thornburg.

Visitation will be held 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sunday, February 1st, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at Woodville Public Cemetery, 17203 Ave 168, Woodville.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial

Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Graveside

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Woodville Public Cemetery
17203 Ave 168
Woodville, CA 93257

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of James Benjamin Thornburg, Jr*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 30 at 10:24 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of James Benjamin Thornburg, Jr.*



January 28 at 06:59 PM



“ *Grandpa will always remember walking with you. Holding your hand telling you I love you everyday!!! You will be missed so much*

Adina Thornburg - January 24 at 07:43 AM



“ *Adina Thornburg purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Benjamin Thornburg, Jr.*



Adina Thornburg - January 24 at 07:32 AM

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“ *My memory of my dad as we were growing up we always could depend on my dad just being there my dad worked hard to take care of all 7 of us my dad was a quiet man but so knowledgeable he was sharp at most things he loved old country music he lived for electronics when something came out new he wanted my dad will be missed by all of us rest in peace dad I love you forever*

janet snowder - January 23 at 11:25 PM

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My deepest condolences to you Janet I know how much you loved JB and thank you for sharing with me what a great man he was

Roxanna Espinoza - January 24 at 02:08 PM

JS

Thank you Roxanna wish you could of met him

janet snowder - January 30 at 09:02 PM