



Roger James Thornton

August 1, 1967 - August 2, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Roger James Thornton announce his passing after an unexpected battle with cancer on Friday, August 2, 2024.

Roger was born on August 1, 1967 in Mt. Shasta, California to Jim and Shirley Thornton. The family relocated to Hanford, California where Roger spent most of his life. He graduated from Hanford High in 1985 and enjoyed baseball and cross country sports during his school years. After high school, he met the love of his life, Cassandra, and together they raised four children. Spending time with his family was the joy of his life, often hanging out at home, BBQing, fishing and enjoying his cats and animals. He enjoyed spoiling his granddaughters and cheering for his LA Dodgers.

Roger was a talented parts manager for Quality Machinery Company, where he devoted 25 years serving the farming community. He took great pride in his work focusing on service and quality for his customers.

Roger is survived by his best friend and wife of 38 years, Cassandra, his daughter Tiffany (Eric) and granddaughter Emily, son Travis (Morghan) granddaughter Charlotte and grandson on the way, daughter Tabitha (Kyle) and son Tyler all of Hanford, California. He is also survived by his sister Janie (Sonny) of Florida, numerous beloved aunts, uncles and cousins spread across the states and daughter Brytnee and family in South Carolina.

A memorial service will be held 11AM Friday, August 23, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel !27 E Caldwell Ave, Visalia, California.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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

Reception

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Mooney Grove Park Arbor #9
27000 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Roger James Thornton*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 22, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger James Thornton*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 22, 2024 at 11:45 AM

LB

“ *Roger your celebration of life was beautiful. The chapel was full of people who loves you. The park was also full of people who continued to celebrate you. You made your journey to heaven. However you will never be gone. You will forever be my nephew ,forever your kids Dad . Forever you will be a grandpa ,husband and loving friend to so many.*

LaVerne Blanchard - August 24, 2024 at 11:51 AM

FL

“ Frances and Robert Levario purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Roger James Thornton.



Francis and Robert Levario - August 07, 2024 at 06:40 PM

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“ Frances and Robert Levario planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger James Thornton.

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SP

“ Stacey and Barbara Parsons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roger James Thornton.



Stacey and Barbara Parsons - August 04, 2024 at 04:47 PM

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Stacey and Barbara Parsons - August 04, 2024 at 04:47 PM

GG

“ Goodbye to a Great Trusted Friend , A Great Worker And A All Around Great Person !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gary Garrett - August 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM

KR

“ Kelly & Charles Ramirez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roger James Thornton.



Kelly & Charles Ramirez - August 04, 2024 at 02:23 PM

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Kelly & Charles Ramirez - August 04, 2024 at 02:23 PM

LB

“ This is Rogers Aunt LaVerne I also wanted to say our hearts are heavy and this is a difficult time for us all. We have our wonderful memories of Roger. I also wanted to add how proud Rogers older sister was of him who proceeded him in death in 1985. LaRhonda was so excited when her little brother was born. Roger was always so kind and looked after her since she had down syndrome. He was so great at helping with her and always gave her a lot of love. LaRhonda was also kind and easy to love. This is just another example of what an amazing man Roger was. Forever remembered and loved.

LaVerne Blanchard - August 04, 2024 at 08:14 AM

JY

We loved our sister, Rhonda, who passed in 1981. She was the core of our family in so many ways. She taught us a lot about unconditional love. Our childhood was filled with close family times and lots of happy memories. Sorry she wasn't listed in the obituary, LaVerne. I decided to stay away from the preceeded in death part of the obituary, but did not intend to making it seem as if Rhonda was forgotten. Roger and I talked about her often and shared stories .

Janie Youderian - August 07, 2024 at 12:07 PM

LB

“ I remember when Roger was born such a handsome baby. Everyone was excited and he has always been special. Roger was the most loving caring man. He has a great sense of humor always making me laugh. He visited us here in North Fork and was always a pleasure to have. Roger and Sandra would camp here when we had reunions, parties etc. Me and Roger were always last ones to go to bed. We had his daughter Tabitha and Kyle wedding here and he was such a proud dad. So much good to say about Roger. Everyone loves Roger he was amazing and will be missed by so many. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. Love Aunt LaVerne and Uncle Wil.

LaVerne Blanchard - August 04, 2024 at 07:21 AM