



## James W. Thornton Jr.

June 9, 1939 - December 3, 2012

SFC James W. Thornton, Jr. was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 3, 2012 in Coventry, Rhode Island. He was born to the late James W. Thornton, Sr. and Pinkie Elizabeth Robertson in Norfolk, Virginia on June 9, 1939. He went to I. C. Norcom High School. After high school, he served the country in the United States Army where he furthered his education and was called to the Vietnam War. James while in North Carolina met his ex-wife and the mother of his children, Sarah B. Minggia Thornton. They married and travelled the world during his military service. From this union four children were born, a daughter, Sara Janie Johnson of Virginia; and three sons, Troy Thornton of Virginia, James Thornton of Georgia, and Eric D. Thornton who went to be with the Lord at an early age. James also leaves three daughters-in-law: Kerma and Shay of Virginia and Tara of Georgia; a grandson who he raised, Thomas Thornton of DC; his grandchildren: Tesha, Carl, Tianna, Kiara, Lashay, Andrew, James, Jr., Venissia, Veronica, Marcus, Taila, Shaquan, Eric, Morgan, Jordan; three great grandchildren: Tremell, Tyler and Jaylin; a sister, Esther Smith of Michigan and not to mention a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
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## Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. Thornton Jr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mary Hartwood lit a candle in memory of James W. Thornton Jr.



mary hartwood - December 17, 2012 at 12:19 AM

MH

God took 2 of the best this month---you & Dave  
You were a wonderful man JT & you will forever live in my heart as my friend---Love you---rip my buddy

mary hartwood - December 17, 2012 at 12:21 AM

BR

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Brandy** - December 13, 2012 at 10:33 PM

BE

“ *You were always smiling and so warm to me and Brittany. Always so genuinely interested in both our lives. Rest in Peace JT*

*Becky and Brittany xoxoxo*

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**Becky** - December 13, 2012 at 04:36 PM

SA

“ *JT, there are so many of us missing you.. I feel so very lucky to have know you, you are a true gentleman!! You always had a kind word, a twinkle in your eye and a warm smile..It will be so strange to not have you around, even if you were siting quietly with us and just listening, your presence was known. Rest peacefully my friend..xo*

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**Sarah** - December 13, 2012 at 11:08 AM

MB

“ I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY THANKYOU JT FOR HAVING THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING YOU FOR A SHORT TIME.....IN THAT TIME YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AND MY FAMILY SUCH JOY, LAUGHTER AND LOVE..... YOUR SMILE WAS PRICELESS AND YOU WERE A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING ....WE WILL MISS YOU DEARLY....RIP MY FRIEND.....MARIA BONSANTE & FAMILY

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**MARIA BONSANTE** - December 13, 2012 at 12:28 AM

CA

“ JT~  
*I miss that you don't pick me up anymore I walk out the door at school and wonder where you are. I miss you my best buddy. Everyday I look in the sky and think I know your up there as my guardian angel. Also I miss you because you always kept my money in your center cup holder everyday after school so we could go get a snack and drink, I am going to miss those days. May you rest in peace and I am going to miss going to Texas Road House with you. I love you my good buddy just remember I always loved you and you will be missed by me alot.*

*Your Buddy*

*Cam*

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**Cam** - December 12, 2012 at 06:42 PM

VA

“ JT...*You will be missed by many. A great man full of smiles.always ready to extend a helping hand. I will always remember how kind and gentle you were with Uncle Burnett. You treated all with the utmost respect. I will miss running into you and seeing you at get togethers. Patti and family will be lost without you. We all love you! May you rest in peace my friend! So glad we got to know you! I'm sure you'll be a guardian angel to many! Vanessa*

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**Vanessa** - December 12, 2012 at 07:37 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of James W. Thornton Jr..*



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December 11, 2012 at 09:36 AM



“ *I'm sending a dove to heaven with a parcel on it's wings,  
Be careful when you open it it's full of beautiful things.  
Inside are a million kisses wrapped up in a million hugs,  
to say how much I miss you and send you all my love.  
I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain,  
to walk with me throughout my life until I see you again.  
When I am sad and lonely, I know just where you'll be,  
the brightest star in Heaven, shining down on me.*

*Love,  
Patty Lee*

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**Patty Lee** - December 10, 2012 at 10:36 PM



“ *To have, to love and then to part,  
Is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.  
May the winds of Heaven blow gently,  
Over that sweet and sacred spot,  
Though sleeping in their silent graves,  
May he never be forgot  
JT we may of had our moments where we disagreed but you where  
a good friend and I  
enjoyed the time we spent together Thank You for always being  
there for all of us until we meet again buddy.*

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**Rich** - December 10, 2012 at 10:35 AM

BR

“ JT~

*Thank You for being you~ You were so kind,caring and genuine. Thank You for always being there for me whenever I needed someone to talk/vent to. Thank You for being so good to my boys whether it be just to talk with them,bring them to their baseball games, or pick them up from school. They loved having you cheer them on. They loved you and valued your opinion on life and sports. Thank you for making my mom smile and making sure she was always okay, I know you are still doing that from your special place above. I will miss our talks,your silly jokes,our banter over sports but most of all I will miss you. You were a one of a kind soul~ everyone who met you loved you. Rest in Peace Good Friend~ Fly with the Angels~ Until we meet again~ We all Salute You*

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**Brandy** - December 10, 2012 at 10:02 AM

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**Anonymous** - December 09, 2012 at 02:55 PM

PW

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**patty walters** - December 09, 2012 at 02:05 PM

AN

“ *When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the smile*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken  
Remember some good I have done  
Forget that I ever had heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun*

*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way  
Remember I have fought some hard battles  
And won, ere the close of the day*

*Then forget to grieve for my going  
I would not have you sad for a day  
But in summer just gather some flowers  
And remember the place where I lay*

*And come in the shade of evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And remember only my best*

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**Anonymous** - December 09, 2012 at 01:46 PM

BR

“ *JT,  
You will be missed. I wish you could have made it to Tampa to visit  
with me. I always enjoyed our visits in Rhode Island and our  
conversations on the phone. We had many laughs together. Until  
we meet again, your good friend.  
Bob*

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**Bob Rouse** - December 09, 2012 at 01:40 PM