



## Benny Nephi Thornton

June 8, 1937 - January 28, 2025

Benny Nephi Thornton passed away at Tippah County Hospital on January 28, 2025 at the age of 87. He was born June 8, 1937 to Frank Thornton and Mary Thornton in Brownfield, MS. He served in the U.S. National Guard. He retired after 30 years with the City of Memphis Fire Department/EMT and was a member of the American Legion. Benny loved hunting and fishing before he was disabled and attended the Middleton Church of Christ.

Benny is survived by his wife of 60 years: Nancy Shappley Thornton of Walnut, MS; one son: David Thornton of Long Beach, CA; one brother: Terrial Thornton (Hazel) of Walnut, MS; one sister: Carolyn Tarty (John) of Walnut, MS.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law: Herman Shappley; his mother-in-law: Ruby Shappley.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 5. 2:00 PM.

Middleton Church of Christ

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ He was a wonderful person and and neighbor.  
We love you Ms. Nancy. ❤️🙏❤️



Tommy and Tina Bonds - April 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM

PW

“ Phil & Jan Webster lit a candle in memory of  
Benny Nephi Thornton



Phil & Jan Webster - February 02, 2025 at 02:46 AM

MH

“ Melvin And. Bettye Hill lit a candle in memory  
of Benny Nephi Thornton



melvin and. Bettye Hill - January 29, 2025 at 07:53 PM

TB

“ Tommy & Tina Bonds lit a candle in memory  
of Benny Nephi Thornton



Tommy & Tina Bonds - January 29, 2025 at 07:37 PM