



Fred Earl Thornell

January 14, 1957 - December 4, 2020

Fred Earl Thornell passed away in Guntersville, AL on December 4, 2020 at the age of 63.

Fred is predeceased by his parents, Leonard G. and Effie Thornell.

Fred is survived by his loving wife, Elneeta, of 23 years. They were married in Albertville on

September 1, 1997.

Fred is lovingly remembered by his children, Trina M. Irby (Jonathan) and David J. Mattson

(Jody); and his grandchildren, Rayna Irby, Avery Mattson, and Xander Irby.

Fred was born in Norwalk, California on January 14, 1957. He graduated from Oneonta High

School in 1975. He worked as a maintenance specialist at UCP of Greater Birmingham (United

Ability).

He enjoyed working in the yard and fixing things. As well as spending time with his grandkids

and road trips with his wonderful wife. Later in life, he discovered a love for audio books when

he became unable to read due to his vision loss. He especially enjoyed loving on his dog

Gizmo.

A private memorial service will be held with close family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shepherd's Cove Hospice, 408 Martling Road, Albertville, AL 35951; or American Diabetes Association Alabama Chapter, www.diabetes.org, P.O. 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116.

Tribute Wall

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“*Frederick Earl Thornell passed away in Guntersville on December 4, 2020, at the age of 63.*

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Rose Lucero, Hubert Earl Jones, Leonard Gilbert and Effie Fiquite Thornell, and his grandson Alexander Jonathan (AJ) Underwood.

Fred is survived by his wife of 23 yrs, Elneta; his children, Dana Michelle Thornell, Trina M. Irby (Jonathan), David J. Mattson (Jody), Amanda Jade Thornell, Kayla Brooke Thornell, his grandchildren, Jadey Brooklyn Walker, Rayna Irby, Aubree Jordan Underwood, William Elijah Frederick Wiesman, Avery Mattson, Xander Irby, Ally Jazz Underwood, Ava Jade Underwood, Aria Jay Geno, and his great-grandchild, Eric Alexander Fenley.

Fred was born in Norwalk, California, to Margaret Rose Lucero and Hubert Earl Jones. He moved to Arizona where he experienced major allergies due to the dry air. This led him to relocate to Alabama with his aunt and uncle, who went on to adopt him as their own.

Fred graduated from Oneonta High School in 1975 as Class Historian and was voted Most Witty by his classmates. He enjoyed handball and basketball. His friends remember him as active, happy, and having a great sense of humor. He had very strong work ethic and held many jobs, at one point being employed by three different companies in order to provide for his family.

Fred enjoyed reading, learning new things, and especially spending time with his family.

He will be missed by many. May he fly high until we meet again.

Amanda Thornell Underwood - August 21, 2021 at 10:17 PM

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“ *Mary Murphree lit a candle in memory of Fred Earl Thornell*



Mary Murphree - December 10, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Earl Thornell.*



December 09, 2020 at 09:10 PM

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“ *He also left behind three amazing daughters and several grandchildren that somehow were left out. RIP.*

Karlee - December 07, 2020 at 07:05 PM