



Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III

June 26, 1938 - February 4, 2026

Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away on February 4, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of strength, faith, and devotion to family. He was born June 26, 1938, in Braggs, Oklahoma, to Ocey Marie Thornton and Herman Edward Thornton Jr.

Known to most as "Buck," he was a man of grit and determination. In his early years, he earned multiple Golden Gloves titles before stepping into the professional boxing league, a pursuit that reflected both his discipline and fighting spirit. After retiring from boxing, he dedicated 32 years of hard work as a union pipe fitter, providing for his family and earning the respect of those who worked alongside him.

Buck's life was deeply rooted in faith. He was a faithful member of Immanuel Baptist Church for 71 years, a place that shaped his values and where he built lifelong relationships. Even in his later years, he remained active and competitive, becoming a multiple gold medalist in the Oklahoma Senior Games and participating in the National Senior Games.

Above all, Buck was a family man. He is survived by his loving wife, Janet Baxter Thornton; his sister, Peggy Thornton Dawson; his daughters, Tammy Thornton Turney and husband Lon Turney, Lori Thornton Jorgenson, Angela Thornton, and Tiffany Roberts and husband Josh Roberts; and his son, Scott

Thornton and wife Kathy Thornton. He is also survived by his stepsons, Bret Robinson, Bart Robinson, and Kelly Robinson.

He leaves behind a large and proud family of grandchildren: Tyler Baccus, Courtney Brassfield, Ronald Shelby Brassfield, Jordan Jorgenson, Aldyn Jorgenson, Sydney Thornton-Jorgenson, Savannah Thornton-Jorgenson, Natalie Thornton Rowley, Alex Yandell, Marshall Hatch, and Skylar Stinnet, along with seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Jerry Thornton, Bill Thornton, Roy Lee Thornton, Myrtle Jackson, Imajean Vinzant, Brenda Brasier, and Johnny Thornton.

The family will greet friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Cornerstone Funeral Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Funeral services will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Cornerstone Funeral Home, with a graveside service immediately following at Greenhill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Alex Yandell, Ringo Jorgenson, Chuck Geisendorf, Brook Geisendorf, Calvin Roberts, and Ronald Shelby Brassfield. Honorary pallbearers are Marshall Hatch, Ryan Brassfield, Isaiah Brassfield, and Hayze Baccus.

Buck will be remembered for his toughness, his steady faith, and the deep love he had for his family. His life was one of perseverance, loyalty, and quiet strength — a legacy that will live on in all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Family to greet friends

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Video of service



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - February 20 at 03:28 PM



“ *Class act individual. R.I.P. Buck.*

Stella Bell-Craig (Whitewater) - February 11 at 09:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.*



February 09 at 11:17 AM

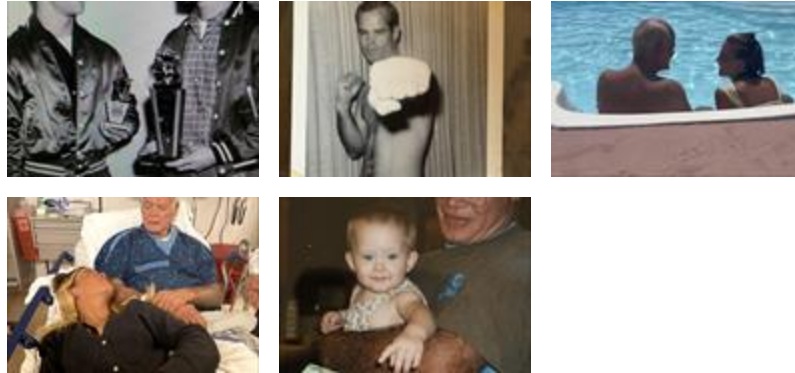


“ *The Scott family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.*

The Scott family - February 09 at 11:17 AM

SJ

“ MY HERO ❤️ love you forever papa buck



sydney jorgenson - February 08 at 02:43 PM

SA

“ Sandra lit a candle in memory of Herman Thornton



Sandra - February 08 at 12:57 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.



February 08 at 11:44 AM

TK

“ *The Mathers (Mark, Calli and Kids) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.*

The Mathers (Mark, Calli and Kids) - February 08 at 11:44 AM

TA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



TAMMY - February 07 at 08:17 PM

CL

“ *Countryside Senior Living purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.*



Countryside Senior Living - February 07 at 07:31 PM

AT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Angela Thornton - February 07 at 06:33 PM

AT

“ *Angela Thornton lit a candle in memory of Herman Thornton*



Angela Thornton - February 07 at 04:02 PM

AT

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Angela Thornton - February 07 at 03:58 PM

JK

“ *John K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.*

John K. - February 06 at 05:52 PM

TE

“ *The Nash's, LaShanya, Ethan, & Emberlee. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.*



The Nash's, LaShanya, Ethan, & Emberlee. - February 06 at 11:56 AM

OL

“ OCV Control Valves, LLC purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Herman Edward "Buck" Thornton III.



OCV Control Valves, LLC - February 06 at 10:47 AM

JS

“ Buck was my Dads best friend. They were “partners in crime” from the very first day. The story’s they would tell & my grannie would tell would curl your hair.

I was lucky enough to be born on his Birthday. I looked up to him my whole life, have so many memories of him. My favorite being when he took me for a ride in his Green Ford Shelby GT 350, at a 135 mph when he lived in Dayton Beach... (I was 14yrs old) we didn't tell my dad about that one for a few years.

Will miss you , thankfully I have a pocket full of memories to remember you by.

The photo is of Buck & my dad Haskell Stephens (ether as Jr or Sr's?)



Jay Stephens - February 05 at 09:23 PM