



**Andy Lee Thornton**  
April 2, 1946 - September 8, 2018

Celebrating the Life of  
**Andy Lee Thornton**

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 11:00 a.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
Winnie, Texas



Prayer  
Brother Sammy Little

*“I Can See Heaven from Here”*  
by Brian Coffey

Eulogy  
Buck Thornton

Message John 3:16  
Brother Sammy Little

Special Music  
by Jan McCall and Matt McCall

**A**ndy **L**ee **T**hornton, 72, of Stowell, died Saturday, September 8, 2018. He was born on April 2, 1946, in Beaumont, to Anna Mae Reynolds and Robert Andy Thornton.

Andy was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stowell. Before retiring in 2008, he owned and operated Thornton Marine Service and Galveston Bay Construction for thirty-eight years. In Andy's younger years, he was the Fire Chief for the Winnie-Stowell Fire Department. He had been a lifetime member and served as President of Texas Rice Festival for two years. Andy was on the Board of Chamber of Commerce and Director and Officer of Independent Cattle Association.

He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. Andy loved to take the whole family on vacations wherever they wanted to go. "Gandy", as the grandkids affectionately called him, enjoyed bringing them to the deer lease and hunting with him. Andy had a passion for cattle and horses. He spent most of his time working on the ranch.

Andy is survived by his loving wife of forty-eight years, Lounette Thornton; children, Dianna Frederick and her husband, Shane, Andy Lee Thornton, Jr. and his wife, Janet; and grandchildren, Andy Lee Thornton III, Aden Thornton, Mallory Frederick, and Drew Frederick, all of Stowell; sister, Marilyn Adams and her husband, Gilbert Adams III, of Beaumont; brother, Bobby Thornton, of Fannett; sister-in-law, Sarah Kathan, of Anahuac; mother-in-law, Iona Williams, of Winnie; brother-in-law, Bob Williams and his wife, Gay, of Anahuac; and many loved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Andy Thornton; his mother, Anna Mae Reynolds; brother, Keith Kathan; sister-in-law, Betty Jean Thornton; father-in-law, Johnnie Williams; sister-in-law, Louise Jay; and nephew, Nathan Williams.

# Andy Thornton Is TRF President Again This Year

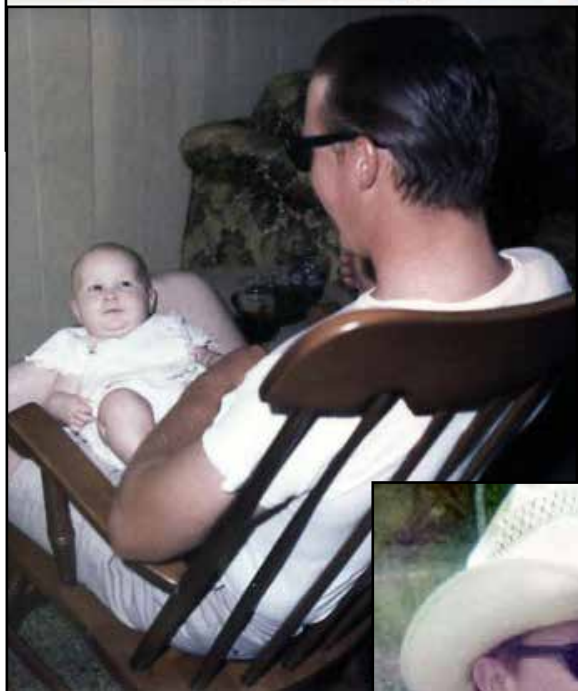
Andy Thornton, lifelong resident of the Winnie Area, son of the late Bobby and Anne Mae Thornton, also residents of the Winnie Area. Andy attended East Chambers School for eight years, Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas for three years and graduated from Ball High School in Galveston, Texas. Andy, attended Lamar University for four years majoring in Business Administration.

He is the owner of Thornton Marine Service, Inc. engaged in oil field transportation. Andy is a member of the First Baptist Church of Winnie, a member at large of the Winnie Stowell Lions Club and a Board of Director of the Winnie-Stowell Chambers of Commerce. He was 1st Vice President of the Texas Rice Festival two years and is now serving his second term as President of the Association.

Andy's wife, Lounette,

moved to this area in 1959 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie H. Williams of Winnie. Andy and Lounette have two children, Dianne, seven and Andy Jr., "Boo", age five.

As President of the Texas Rice Festival both in 1978 as well as 1979, Andy has made a special effort to promote rice history. He has also tried to bring rice to the forefront as an important food item in the American home and in other countries throughout the world.











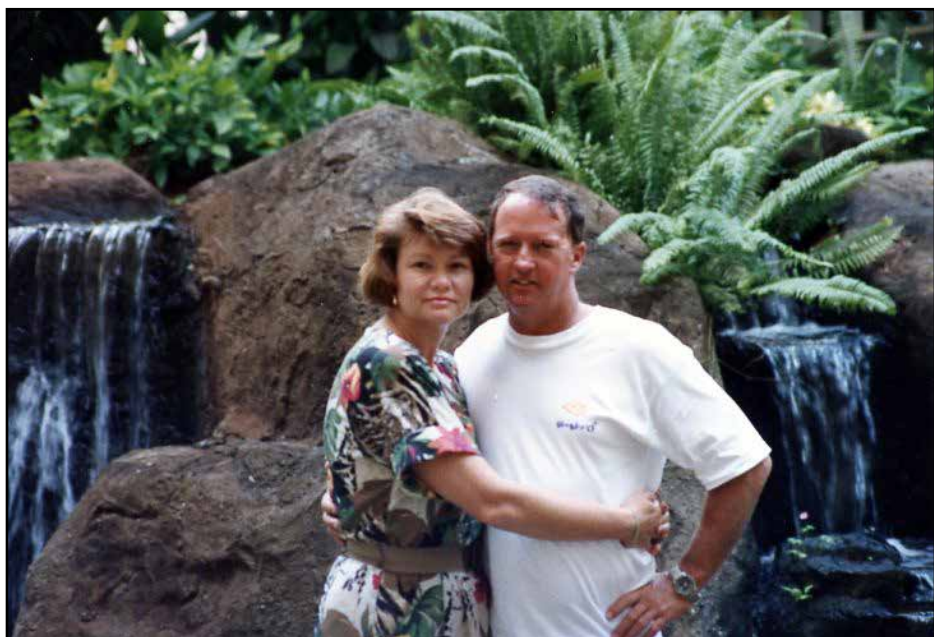
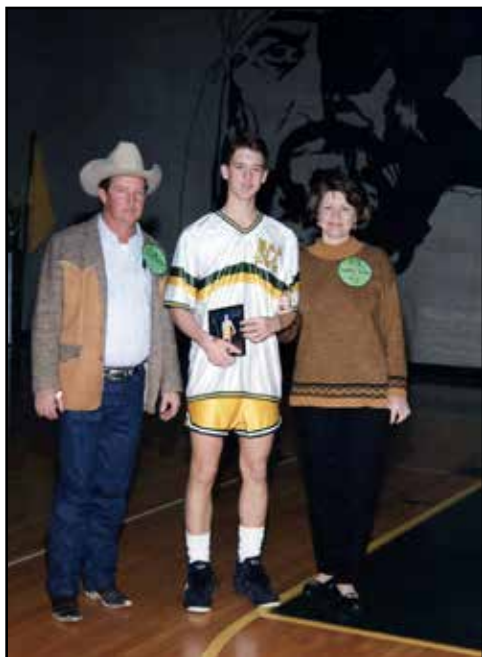
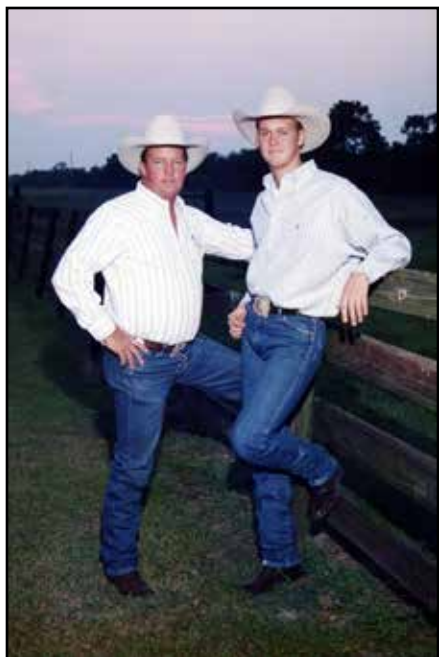












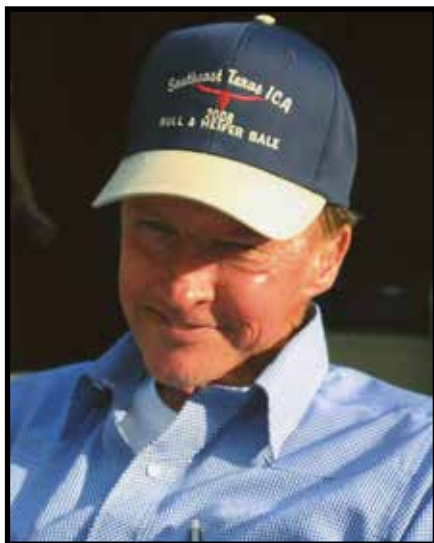


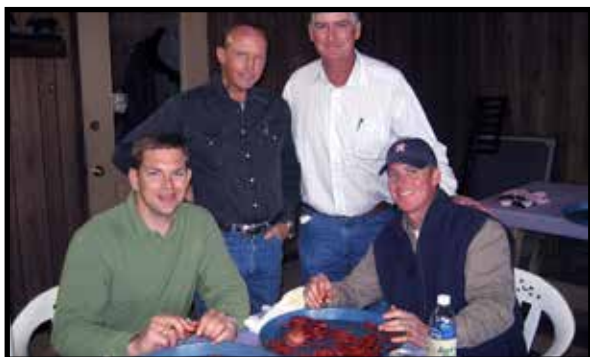




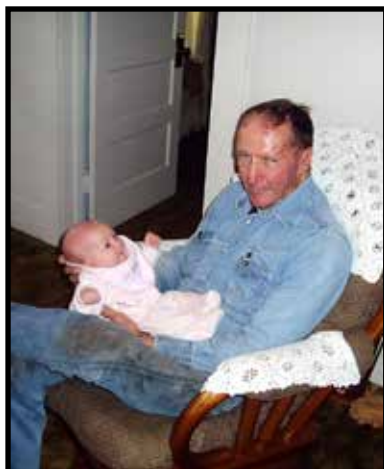


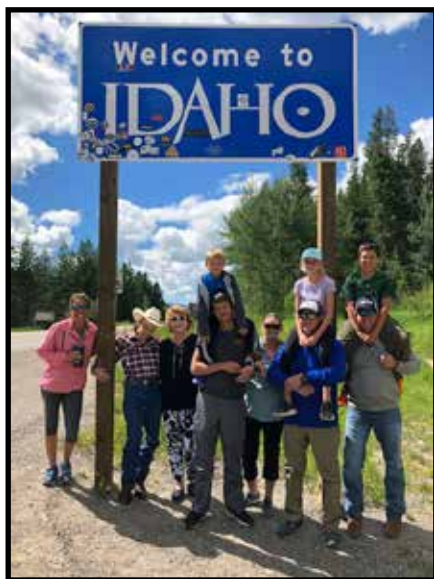




























### **Pallbearers**

Medwyn LaVergne  
Robert Greb  
W.W. "Billy" York  
Steven White  
Aaron Strain  
Zeke Hill  
Reese Meaux  
Edward Meaux

### **Interment**

Thornton Family Cemetery  
421 North Fig Ridge Road  
Stowell, Texas

### **Memorial Contributions**

East Chambers Independent School District Education Foundation  
270 School Road  
Winnie, Texas 77665



Please sign Mr. Thornton's guest book and share your memories at  
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