



Bruce Thornhill

May 22, 1936 - November 19, 2015

Bruce Thornhill, 79 of Arab died Thursday, November 19, 2015 at his residence.

Mr. Thornhill was born May 22, 1936 in Pisgah, Alabama, Jackson County, the son of Claude E. and Flona B. Thornhill. He was a high school and college graduate, served in the United States Marines and had retired from NASA as a mathematician.

He and the former Gaynell Miller were married 56 years and have called Arab their home for the past 44 years. He was a member of Arab First Baptist Church.

Bruce is survived by his wife: Gaynell Thornhill; daughter: Lisa Screws, son and daughter-in-law: Mark (Teresa) Thornhill, and daughter and son-in-law: Kim (Joe) Johnson; seven grandchildren and spouses: Emily (Tyler) Roberts, Kristin (Lee) Robbins, Wes Thornhill, Natalie Johnson, Caroline Johnson, Mallory Johnson and Drew Thornhill; three great grandchildren: Rhett Roberts, Ella Grace Robbins and Graham Roberts; preceded in death by his parents: Claude and Flona Thornhill and a sister: Patsy Halbrook.

Funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Arab First Baptist Church, Reverend Randall Stoner, officiating. Burial will be in

Brookwood Cemetery, Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Pallbearers will be Joe Johnson, Jerry Miller, Lee Robbins, Tyler Roberts, Drew Thornhill and Wes Thornhill.

Visitation for Mr. Thornhill will be at the Church; he will Lie-In-State at the Church from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, November 22, 2015.

Cemetery Details

Brookwood Cemetery

2059 Old Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 22. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Arab First Baptist Church
502 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Service

NOV 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

Arab First Baptist Church
502 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Tribute Wall

AZ

“ *Amena Sarah Zaragods lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Amena Sarah Zaragosa - July 21, 2024 at 09:44 PM

WE

“ *Wendye Weaver Eady lit a candle in memory of Granville Graves*



Wendye Weaver Eady - July 17, 2024 at 09:48 PM

AZ

“ *Amena Sarah Zaragosa from Decatur lit a candle in memory of Granville Graves*



Amena Sarah Zaragosa - July 17, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *Sherry Gullion-Atchley lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Sherry Gullion-Atchley - November 24, 2015 at 03:22 PM

DL

“ Dana Lands lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



Dana Lands - November 23, 2015 at 06:49 AM

MH

“ I grew up with Bruce, In Al, His Mother was my Mother Neighbor. He Sang How Great Thou Art At My Mother Funeral In 1975. His Sister Patsy were dear Friends. Great family. So sorry for your loss of a dear Father, Mark Give your Mother Gaynell My deep Sympathy Blessed Be the Tie that bind. Mary Jean Phillips Henry .Oak Harbor WA.

Mary Jean Henry - November 23, 2015 at 01:55 AM

SC

Patsy was my friend at Jacksonville We were freshman in 1956. I'm so sorry to learn she has passed. Patsy was in my wedding in 1957 in Boaz. I'm very saddened to learn.

sarah Cox - December 22, 2019 at 05:46 PM

SM

“ Scott Mosher lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



scott mosher - November 22, 2015 at 12:16 PM



“ Bruce sang at my dads funeral many yrs ago..
Thoughts and prayers to the whole family



Jeff Montgomery - November 22, 2015 at 05:38 AM



“ Bruce has been a great inspiration to me as far back as I can remember. I loved hearing him sing. My prayers are with Gaynell and the family as they go through this time

Hilda Hickey - November 21, 2015 at 11:26 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Angel Moore - November 21, 2015 at 10:36 PM



“ Brenda Ware lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



Brenda Ware - November 21, 2015 at 11:16 AM

SW

“ Sheri Welch lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



sheri welch - November 21, 2015 at 07:52 AM

SW

“ Shirley Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



Shirley Whitehead - November 20, 2015 at 10:28 PM

BP

“ A great singer he is now singing in the heavenly choir Psalm30:5

Brenda Pointer - November 20, 2015 at 09:29 PM

HB

“ Hugo And Peggy Berry lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



Hugo and Peggy Berry - November 20, 2015 at 09:29 PM



“ *Rena Fraser lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Rena Fraser - November 20, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ *Eva Ennis lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Eva Ennis - November 20, 2015 at 08:41 PM



“ *Linda Tucker lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Linda Tucker - November 20, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ *Bobby Polland lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Bobby Polland - November 20, 2015 at 05:03 PM

MH

“ *Melonie Thurman Hall lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Melonie Thurman Hall - November 20, 2015 at 04:38 PM

SB

“ *Scott Beard lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Scott Beard - November 20, 2015 at 04:24 PM

SR

“ *Sandra Reed lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Sandra Reed - November 20, 2015 at 04:05 PM


Pamela
Brady

“ *Pamela Brady lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Pamela Brady - November 20, 2015 at 03:55 PM



Pamela Brady

Very fond memories of growing up in church with the Thornhill's--Bruce had a beautiful voice and praised God through his songs! Thoughts and prayers for the family!

Pamela Brady - November 20, 2015 at 03:58 PM



Loved Bruce's many talents he shared with friends, family and our Heavenly Father. Enjoyed his singing career, his writing, and his piano playing. My husband, Sky Sanderson loved Bruce as well, in fact, they may just be gathered around some place next to God singing with their many singing buddies who have already passed on. Love his family so much....Jean Sanderson

Jean Sanderson - November 20, 2015 at 10:33 PM



Always loved his voice and thought he was so good looking when he lived with us while working with Dad on the Curtis Candy truck. Very special person to our family.

Becky (Scott) Stebbins - November 21, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ Gary Brandon lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



Gary Brandon - November 20, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ Sharon Cohen lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill



Sharon Cohen - November 20, 2015 at 03:22 PM

SC

God Bless you all !!

Sharon Cohen - November 20, 2015 at 03:23 PM

TG

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy on your terrible loss.. We are praying for your family.*
Ted & Vickie Green



Ted & Vickie Green - November 20, 2015 at 03:06 PM

SW

“ *Dear Gay Nell, Lisa, Mark and Kim,*

I am so sorry to hear about Bruce. He was such a good man and meant a lot to me and my family over the past 40 years. I don't know how many nights he had to put up with me spending the night with Lisa or going to singings on The Regents' bus. Bruce sang "The :Lord's Prayer" at my wedding and "Danny Boy" at my daddy's funeral, and that meant more to me than I can ever express. I had not seen Bruce very often since I moved to North Carolina, but I loved him and will miss knowing he was back in Arab with Gay Nell there on 6th Street. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, and I love you.

Sheri S. Welch

sheri welch - November 20, 2015 at 02:48 PM

AM

“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of Bruce Thornhill*



Amy - November 20, 2015 at 02:44 PM



Sorry for your loss.

Pat Stolz - November 21, 2015 at 07:17 PM