



Everett E. Thornton

September 22, 2018

Everett E. Thornton, 95, passed away Saturday, Sept 22nd, 2018, at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence, with his eldest son at his side. He was the husband of the late Marjorie A. (Thorpe) Thornton who predeceased him by only two weeks.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Albert Thornton and the late Annie (Bartsch) Thornton, he had lived in Somerset since 1954. Mr. Thornton had a career in plumbing and heating supply for a majority of his life. He retired as a manager of Plumber's Supply Company, in Fall River, leaving full-time work in 1989, though he continued in a part-time capacity well into his 80s. Prior to this he had worked at the former Firestone Rubber factory, in Fall River.

During WWII he served with the US Army in Europe as a technician in the chemical warfare service. He was a 1941 graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High School and pursued further studies at the New England Technical College, in Providence. Beginning in 1950 and continuing a family tradition, he served on the Board of Managers of the FR Deaconess Home, and was treasurer from 1968 to 2015, receiving the FR Herald's "Hometown Hero" award in 2007 for his long dedication to this organization and its mission. He was an active member of the Union United Methodist Church, Fall River, and its predecessor congregation throughout his life where he also served as treasurer for over 30 years and worked on a Habitat for Humanity project in New Jersey with a team of Church members.

He was known as a handyman skilled in all of the trades and could build, craft or fix anything he set his mind to. He had lifelong passions for classical music and opera, the circus and for the railroad, including model railroading, and also spent many years as an avid stamp collector. He and his wife traveled extensively and enjoyed many vacations with family and friends.

He is survived by three sons, Everett E. Thornton, Jr. and his wife Kathleen of N. Scituate, RI, Douglas J. Thornton of Hanson, MA, and Colin G. Thornton and his fiancée Karen

Miranda of Dighton, MA; two daughters, Barbara A. Remy and her husband Thomas of Swansea, and Louann E. Cordeiro and her husband Kenneth of Somerset; a sister, Elinor Buckley of Fall River; and seven grandchildren; Aaron T. Remy, Shannon J. Remy, Ryan M. Cordeiro, Colin J. Cordeiro, Evan E. Thornton, Cassandra M. Thornton and Alec E. Miranda; three great grandchildren; Travis E. Remy, Savannah V. Goss and Jameson J. Cordeiro, and many nieces and nephews. He was also a brother of the late Joseph Thornton, Albert E. Thornton Jr. and Frances Hoover.

A funeral and memorial service for both Everett and his wife Marjorie will be held Saturday, Sept. 29th, 2018, at 10 AM, in the Union United Methodist Church, 600 Highland Ave, Fall River, MA 02720. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial will follow in the Nathan Slade Cemetery, Somerset.

Calling hours have been omitted. Arrangements with the Hathaway Community Home for Funerals, Somerset.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Philip Hulitar Center, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

Cemetery

Nathan Slade Cemetery

Prospect St.
Somerset, MA,

Events

SEP **Funeral and Memorial service 10:00AM**

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Union United Methodist Church
600 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA, US

Comments



“ To the Thornton family, my deepest sympathy on the death of Everett. I served on the Board of Managers at Deaconess home for over 30 years. We always had interesting conversation since he knew my father very well. He was an extremely devoted kind man who will be missed. I am unable to attend the funeral service since I will be away on vacation . In sympathy, Fran Tyrrell

Fran Tyrrell - September 27, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ To The Family of Mr. and Mrs. Thorton since the first day moving in on Lewis ave your parents were always kind to my children allowing them in the house to play the piano and sit on the couch to talk. Also when Mr. Everett (that's what my kids called him) would water his plants he always talked to my dog even if she barked at him. I admired Mr. Everetts ways when he would go to church with the Mrs. he open her door for her and they were so sweet and loving towards one another. And I remember when we were moving I made sure they met the next couple moving in so that way they knew who would be there. It breaks my heart to hear such news but I know they are at peace. My sincerest condolences Lisa Matarese 20 Lewis Ave

Lisa - September 27, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ I remember Everett Thornton at church as being a quiet, charming gentleman. He will be missed by all.

Torrey Adams - September 26, 2018 at 01:51 PM