



Alfred V. Thornton

October 18, 1938 - November 26, 2020

Alfred V. Thornton born in Calumet, Michigan on October 18th, 1938 passed away suddenly on November 26th, 2020. He was a resident of Warren, MI, while spending his summers in Calumet, MI since his retirement. He is survived by: his loving wife Eytoile of 60 years, his son Al (Karen) Thornton, his daughter Eytoile (Kurt) Phillips, his grandchildren Laura (Dylan) Schneider, Melissa (Paul) DeSimone, Brian (Jessica) McDougall, Eytoile Dancy, Troy McDougall, Sarah Thornton, William Thornton, Destiny Phillips, Amber Phillips, Cassidy Phillips, his Great Grandchildren Collin Dancy, Gabriel Thornton, Nicole and Christopher McDougall, Annabelle DeSimone, Mirabel and Desmond Schneider, Siblings Ruth Carillo, William Thornton, Esther Kelly, Gene (Sue) Thornton. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews that he loved. He was predeceased by his parents William and Grace[Andrews] Thornton, brother Glenn Thornton and sister Grace(Ed) Wetalainen.

He loved spending time in the Copper Country, always considered it his home. He enjoyed taking car rides with his wife. He enjoyed sports especially the Detroit Red Wings. He coached youth hockey for several seasons, which he enjoyed because of his love of the game, the kids, the families, those he coached with, many of whom he maintained life long friendships . He was a veteran and a member of the American Legion Post 90 Lake Linden, MI. He will be missed by so many, but his jokes and the love he gave everyone will carry on.

He will be buried in Lakeview Cemetery Calumet, MI in the spring. A memorial

service will be scheduled at a later date this coming summer. Arrangements for Mr. Thornton were entrusted with Mandzuik Funeral Homes, Sterling Heights, MI. Condolences and memories and photos can be shared on their website.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Cemetery

24090 Veterans Memorial Highway
Calumet, MI 49913

Tribute Wall



“ Alfred V. Thornton

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ Alfred V. Thornton

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ The year was 1969 the month September my father Alfred V. Andrews had suffer a cerebral hemorrhage my cousin Al took my sister Nancy and I to Tiger Stadium to see Denny McLain 30th victory to tie DizzyDean record. And other memory is Al and GeneThornton and myself attended a hockey game at the ole Olympia Stadium the red barn on Grand River so Gene hands me a crushed beer cup and says do you think you can hit the face-off circle by the Red Wings blue line so I said sure so I waited there about 25 seconds left in the game then I threw it and hit it then Al says to me in a LOUD BOOMING VOICE BOY IFFF YOU EVER DO THAT AGAIN YOU'RE GOING TO WALK HOME so a couple seconds later Gene elbows me and say here Roger throw this I'll give you a ride home. So from my sister Nancy Andrews, my brother James Andrews Klipa and myself Roger Andrews. Rest in Peace.

Roger Andrews - December 09, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Christmas time was always good dad sitting in the chair and opening his oresents

Kurt phillips - December 06, 2020 at 07:01 AM

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“ One more ... My mom told me about a guy named Roy Gonzales who they grew up with in the corktown neighborhood. He happened to live in the casper neighborhood years later. I struck up a conversation with Roy one day and I asked if he remembered my mom he said he did. Then he said Al must be your uncle then, and I said yes he was. Roy then went on to tell me that uncle Al was the greatest hockey player he ever saw, and he seemed thrilled to be recalling those days. I relayed that story to Uncle Al sometime after that. He just smiled and laughed.

John - December 04, 2020 at 02:03 PM

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“ Hockey!! From the time I was little living on martin. When everyone would be at our grandpas house watching HNIC or red wings hockey. As a 9 yr old or so playing hockey on the rink in the back yard. As a young teen driving around with my uncle and cousin to all my cousins games around Macomb. As a young man and older coming by and seeing hockey on the tv or 2 tvs. If I ever had a question about hockey my uncle Al had the answer. And of course the christmas cards or anytime Id see him really hed have schedule of the wings pistons or lions, I liked thatgood guy good Dad good husband He will be missed much love

John - December 04, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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Al - December 03, 2020 at 02:15 PM

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