

## Alvie Author Thornton

February 21, 1937 - December 15, 2023

Alvie Author Thornton, age 86, was born on February 21, 1937. In a little three-room house on Platter Road just east of Leavenworth Road. He lived there until December 1942, his family moved to a farm east of Caddo in the Robinson Community, and went to church at Robinson all of his years. This is where he was saved, baptized, and surrendered his life to preach. Alvie started to school in the first grade in Caddo in 1943 and Ms. Mary Wilson was his teacher. He graduated from Caddo High School; in 1955. His favorite subject in high school was Glee Club, at that time his teacher was Ms. Erma Taylor, He won several excellence ratings and superior on bass solos at Regional and State contests. Alvie went into the Army in November 1955. He took Basic training and advanced artillery training at Ft. Carlson Colorado. He left there in June of 1956 and spent the rest of his time on tour of duty in Ulm Germany. He got home on September 17th and on October 5th he married Shirley Pair. He worked at several different jobs and pastored small country Baptist churches and his wife was an excellent pastor's wife and Sunday school teacher. He saved the best jobs for last, he worked five years as a hospice chaplain and five years at Brown's Funeral Service in Durant. Alvie was preceded in death by his loving wife Shirley (Pair) Thornton, parents Archie A. Thornton and Nora (Winsett) Thornton, his brother James Doyl Thornton, and Darrell Thornton, and sister Margie Brown Left to cherish his memories are his children Debra Thornton Green of Calera, Oklahoma. LaDonna Thornton Swartz and Husband William of Durant,

Oklahoma. And Don Thornton and wife Susan of Marshall, Texas. His brother Leonard Thornton, and Eight grandchildren Gidgit Graham, Kristina, Styrlin, Mary, Tyne, Jessica, Brooke, Brian, and nineteen great-grandchildren with one on the way, as well as many nieces and Nephews.

Funeral services with Military Honors are set for Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM at Armstrong Baptist Church with burial to follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation is set for Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at Brown's Funeral Service of Durant from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Serving as pallbearers are the Patriot Guard Riders.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service of Durant. Online condolences can be made at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com)

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/GFHGF7WF4BYLJ84T>

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Armstrong, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

## Funeral

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Armstrong Baptist Church  
Armstrong, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Alvie Author Thornton*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - December 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM

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*One awesome man of God! Loved the Lord and served him and I always admired how he loved his Dear wife Shirley! They were a match made from God! Very special family and will be so missed by his family!*

**Donna Boydston** - December 21, 2023 at 02:05 AM

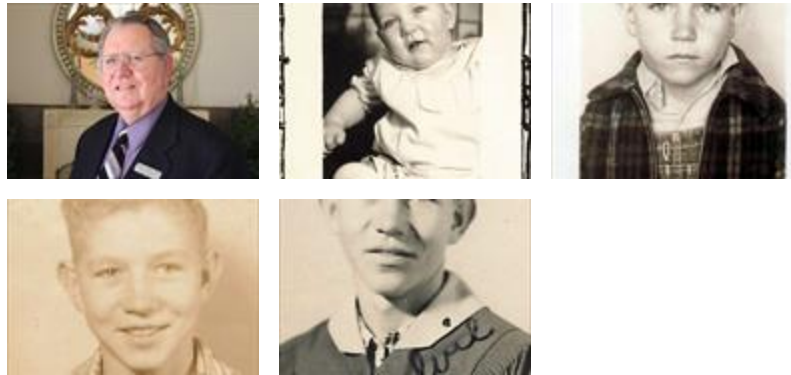
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*I well miss him*

**Leonard Thornton** - December 24, 2023 at 12:22 AM



“ *89 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - December 20, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Alvie Author Thornton.*



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December 19, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvie Author Thornton.*



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December 19, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy, Fresh Air Employees purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alvie Author Thornton.*



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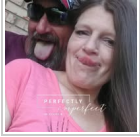
**Deepest sympathy, Fresh Air Employees** - December 18, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy, Fresh Air Employees planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvie Author Thornton.*

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“ I've only had the privilege to have met Alvie for almost a year. He was definitely one of a kind ...with the kindest soul. Not long ago, during a Veterans Day Ceremony, he really touched my heart with his comment about, celebrating the mothers of our soldiers, who gave all for our country. I concur 100%.. without the mothers of our soldiers, we wouldn't have the freedom we have. Thank you for being such a wonderful soul, that I had the privilege to know Alvie



Many hugs and prayers for Ms Deb and the family 🙏🏻

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**Michelle Spence** - December 18, 2023 at 06:16 PM