



## Larry Wayne Thornton

June 11, 1941 - July 12, 2020

Larry Wayne Thornton, 79, of Phillips, passed away suddenly on July 12th at CHI-Health St. Francis. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, July 16th, at 2 pm, at the Phillips Cemetery. Dan Naranjo will officiate. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to designate at a later date.

Larry was born on June 11, 1941 in Omaha, to William and Margueritte (Schmill) Thornton. He was raised in the Omaha area and graduated from Omaha Benson High School in 1959.. Served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

He worked for the Eaton Corporation in Kearney, retiring in 1998 after more than 25 years of employment.

On April 29, 1989, Larry was united in marriage to Barb (Perrel) Hansen. They enjoyed running Gramps Antiques and going to auctions for many years.

Larry practiced Martial Arts and Tai Kwon Do in both Kearney and Grand Island. He achieved his 3rd degree black belt and his instructor certificate. In recent years he enjoyed practicing Tai Chi. Larry took great pleasure in going

fishing, watching all Husker sports and spending time with his grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Barb; Larry's sons, Mike (Lesa) Thornton of Grand Island, Joe Thornton of Evanston, WY Erik (Ruth Ann) Thornton of Rock Springs, WY Ken Thornton of Evanston; WY Barb's children Chris (Fred) Drummond of Lithia, FL, Jeff (Sue) Hansen of Phillips; 15 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom; and grandson, Aaron Lane Thornton.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 16. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Phillips Cemetery  
Phillips, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Wayne Thornton*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I ran across Larry's obituary in the Aurora News-Register, as I am the News Editor, and wanted to extend my condolences. From one Benson Bunny (Class of 2014) to another, I hope he find peace, comfort and love in eternal rest. Blessings to his family during this time.*

**Cheyenne Rowe** - July 21, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *My Condolences to the family I have left another Message earlier*



**David Landis** - July 17, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ *Will miss seeing him at antique shows and flea markets.and seeing him at times in stores in G.I. David Landis (Keith's Red Lamp)*



**David Landis** - July 17, 2020 at 06:56 AM



“ *Barb: I am so sorry to hear of Larry's sudden death. May God grant you all comfort from His loving grace & mercy. In my life I have had deaths both ways, suddenly & then that long good-bye & I cannot tell you which one is better. What I have learned through them is that God in His sovereignty knows best. Trust in Him & lean especially hard upon Him. He has not failed me yet. In Christ's love, Linda J. (Gibson) Atkins I almost forgot 'hugs'.*

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**Linda Atkins** - July 16, 2020 at 11:39 PM

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“ *My condolences to the whole family. May God give you peace in your loss.*  
*John Thornton*

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**John Thornton** - July 15, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ *Larry is my cousin. Always a cheerful, upbeat man. I always liked Larry. He will be missed.*

*Daniel Evans*

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**Daniel Evans** - July 15, 2020 at 11:17 AM