



## Joseph Brandon Thornton

October 17, 1977 - January 1, 2017

Joseph Brandon “Joey” Thornton, 39, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2017, at the home of his parents in Russellville, Alabama.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 4, 2017, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church, 213 North Jackson Avenue, Russellville, Alabama. Services will immediately follow visitation with Rev. Patrick Martin officiating. Joey was a native of Russellville, Alabama, and a 1996 graduate of Russellville High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Alabama where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He was employed with AT&T as an IT Business Analyst.

Joey was an avid hunter and fisherman and shared his love of the outdoors with his father and young son. He was a member of Tishabee Swamp, a privately owned game preserve where he was the Director of Wild Game Management. In addition, he was a faithful fan of the Crimson Tide. He is survived by his wife, Amanda Schlapman Thornton; his son, Greyson William Thornton; parents, Larry D. Thornton and Nancy Weatherby Thornton; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ruth and William Schlapman; and his beloved bulldog Sage.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Joseph E. and Angie P. Weatherby and James R. and Joyce Alsbrooks Thornton as well as his faithful bulldog Cooper.

Joey was a Godly, devoted husband, father, and son. He leaves his family

with the knowledge that they were deeply loved, as was he by them.

Pallbearers include Jaime Marsh, Matt Lackey, Thomas "Tinker" Malone, Crawford Williams, Jeff Bowling, and J.P. Merrell. Honorary pallbearers will include Burke Moncus, Ralph Quinn, Daniel Porter, Stub Taylor, John Payne, Floyd Tirey, and members of the Jeff Bowling Sunday School Class.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greyson Thornton Educational Trust at First Commercial Bank, c/o Kay Norris, 800 Shades Creek Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35209.

Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville, will be directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Franklin Memory Gardens

Russellville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Russellville  
213 North Jackson Ave.  
Russellville, AL 35653

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Russellville  
213 North Jackson Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Brandon Thornton*



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**Pinkard Funeral Home** - January 03, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ *Joey was a good man and always so much fun to be around. RIP Struthers. We love you brother!*

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**Joe Williams** - January 05, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ *Joey was a great guy and I will miss him. I was glad to get to know him through work at AT&T--I even proofed some of his MBA papers when he was going through that. Will really miss the hunting and fishing stories he shared in our team meetings.*

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**Lois Martin** - January 05, 2017 at 08:33 AM

 Casey Jones

“ Joey, you were always like a second brother to me. I'll never forget the first time I met you my junior year of high school when you came up to VA. You and my brother Jeremy were battling a storm in the river while I was dodging hail and trees at the house. When yall finally made your way up the bluff I got to meet the one and only Joey Thornton and the many laughs and fellowship began. Thank you for the good times, the many adventures and always putting a smile on my face. I'll always remember the weekend cookouts, Cooper, beach trips, and UA tailgates. Godspeed my friend. Nancy and Larry, thank you for your hospitality, know that your son touched so many lives and holds a special place in all of our hearts, he was one of a kind. My thoughts, heart, and prayers are with you both.

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**Casey Jones** - January 05, 2017 at 12:29 AM

WW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Both of us had the privilege of working with Joey at AT&T at different times over the years. Prayers for comfort and strength in the days to come.

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**Warwick and Bruce Woodall** - January 04, 2017 at 02:12 PM

AN

“ We're going to miss you much, Joey. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and loved ones.



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**Angus** - January 04, 2017 at 10:03 AM

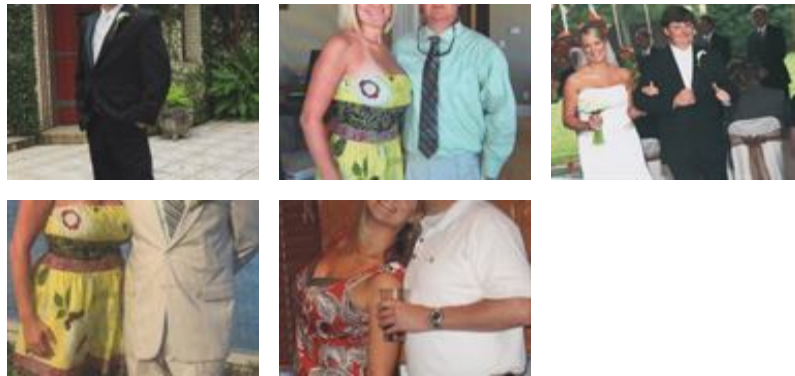
WA

“ I am so sorry to hear about Joey and for your loss. Though I have not communicated with Joey for some time, we had worked together at BellSouth over the years. Joey would entertain us with his hunting adventures and talk lovingly about his family. Joey was a good person, to be sure. My thoughts and prayers are with Joey and his family.

William Adams - January 04, 2017 at 08:08 AM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pinkard Funeral Home - January 03, 2017 at 04:44 PM

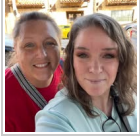
LW

“ My thoughts go out to Joey's family and friends. It was a pleasure working with Joey at AT&T.

Leila Whitaker - Seattle, WA



Leila Whitaker - January 03, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ Amanda, Grey, Nancy and Larry I am so terribly sorry for your loss. My girls and I are praying for y'all and for comfort and peace over you all. When I told the girls Addi remember when we were at ya'lls house Amanda and Joey tried to get addi to touch the Alligator skin. She said Mr Joey was funny. He will be missed by many. Know that he is in Heaven now watching over all of you. Love, Steph, Addi and Lo

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**Stephanie Fuqua** - January 03, 2017 at 09:37 AM

ML

“ 19 files added to the album New Album Name



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**matt lackey** - January 02, 2017 at 10:30 PM

ES

“ Larry and Nancy, so sorry to hear the news about Joey. My heart breaks for u. May God give u peace during this difficult time.  
Evelyn Scott

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**Evelyn Scott** - January 02, 2017 at 07:38 PM

DG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Joey. My prayers are with his entire family. Joey always had a good story to tell when we got together as a team. He brought a personal touch to a team spread across the country that everyone appreciated.

*David Geiger - Atlanta*

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**David Geiger** - January 02, 2017 at 03:20 PM

AC

*Amanda, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Prayers for you & family.*

*Alice Faye Cook*

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**Alice F. Cook** - January 03, 2017 at 07:26 PM

JW

“ Amanda, I remember the weekend he proposed to you in San Destin and the boys will never forget the hunting trip that Joey took them on. Bob and the kids and I are so deeply, deeply sorry for your loss. Please know that the entire Wolf family will be lifting you all up and prayer and know that we are here for you. May God strengthen you and lift you up during this most difficult time. Our hearts and prayers are with you, Love The Wolf Family

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**JOHNNIE K WOLF** - January 02, 2017 at 01:33 PM

CG

“ Larry and Nancy, I just want you to know my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Cynthia Glasgow** - January 02, 2017 at 01:37 AM



Deborah  
Gault

“ *Dear Larry & Nancy so sorry to hear about Joey, Andy & I will be praying for you, we know the pain you are feeling, May God Bless You!*

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**Deborah Gault** - January 01, 2017 at 10:12 PM

BS

“ *Such tragic news. Joey graduated from Bama the same year as my daughter. I worked with him since 2001. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family, wife and son.*

*Bobby Scroggins, Alabaster*

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**Bobby Scroggins** - January 01, 2017 at 09:55 PM