



Lex Eugene Thornton

January 13, 1951 - January 17, 2017

Lex Eugene Thornton, age 66, of Nokesville, Virginia, passed away on January 17, 2017, after a long and courageous battle against cancer. His wife of thirty years, Anne, was at his side.

Lex was born in Coalinga, California on January 13, 1951. He graduated from Taft High School and after service to his country, earned his Bachelors degree in Business. In 1971, Lex began his 15 year career in the United States Air Force as a Far East linguist. Lex served in the war in Vietnam and remained a passionate patriot throughout his life.

After leaving the Air Force in 1986, Lex began his 25 year career as a defense contractor supporting the intelligence community, working for E-systems, L-3 Comm and Argon ST. He dedicated his working life to supporting the protection and defense of the country he loved.

An avid golfer, Lex was a long time member of Evergreen Country Club, grasping any and all opportunities to be with his buddies on the golf course. His golf companions brought him years of good times and happy memories.

Lex was a Harley lover, and enjoyed riding his bike in numerous Rolling Thunder events, as well as down every back country road and through any scenic small town he could find.

His cat, Pete, gave him 24 years of companionship, sitting in his lap while they both watched sports on TV in the garage. Lex was most content with Pete curled up in his lap and tuned in to a football game or golf match.

One of his many past times, Lex restored antiques in the late 80s/early 90s. He and Anne enjoyed going to auctions for those rare deals that Lex brought home and made beautiful. Many of his projects are still in use today at his home in Nokesville.

Lex also owned and restored classic Mustangs, winning multiple car show honors and awards with his "stangs" (1964 1/2 and 1968).

Lex is survived by his wife, Anne Thornton, his mother Pauline Thornton of Taft, Ca., his sister Linda Eaton of Benicia, Ca., two daughters, Jennifer Wood and Jessica White, both residing in Texas, and three grandchildren, Kayleigh, Nathan and Luke.

Lex's extended family will receive his friends and coworkers at Pierce Funeral Home, 9606 Center Street, Manassas, Va. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 4pm-8pm in the "party" room, to celebrate the life of a cherished husband, son, brother, father and friend.

Lex would not have wanted flowers, but he did want a cure for cancer. Memorials in his name may be made to the National Cancer Institute, in the hope that the suffering caused by this horrible disease may soon come to an end.

Director
National Cancer Institute
Building 31 Room 11A-16

9000 Rockville Pike

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
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<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall

HO

“ *"Deepest Sympathy to your family God's Word says, "He will swallow up death forever, and wipe away the tears from all faces " Isa. 25:8.....*

Holland... - February 21, 2017 at 08:20 AM

DE

“ *Ann, I'm so sorry to hear about Lex. My sincerest condolences to you and all your family, Don Eggar*

Don Eggar - February 04, 2017 at 12:43 PM

MM

“ *I remember Lex well, and am saddened to hear of his passing. He was a fine man. Lex was one of my instructors over forty years ago, and I had other opportunities to interact with him later on in my Air Force career. Lex Thornton will be missed, and will not be forgotten.*

Major (Retired) Michael Makovitch - February 01, 2017 at 10:11 PM

JC

“ *We would like to extend our deepest condolences to all of Lex's family. We had the pleasure of working with Lex at Argon ST several years ago. We are very sorry for your loss and he will be missed very much. Sending many prayers your way.*

Joe and Jamie Crecco - January 31, 2017 at 12:22 PM

A.

“ I extend my deepest heartfelt condolences to the family in the loss of your loved one. It is hoped that fond memories and the loving kindness' of family and friends will be a source of comfort. May you also receive strength, peace and comfort from God. He is close to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit.(Psalm 34:18).

A.H. - January 28, 2017 at 07:33 PM

LZ

“ I have known Lex and Anne almost since the moment they met. We had some very interesting times throughout our entire friendship. Through all those moments Lex and Anne shared a soul. I am truly sorry Lex ran out of miracles...
I uploaded some pictures from those early times that I am sure will bring a smile to all.
Rest in peace Lex.
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Leslie Ziegler - January 24, 2017 at 11:12 AM

JB

Anne, I am truly sorry for your loss. Please know that we will be praying for you and the family.

Joy Banegas - January 28, 2017 at 08:47 AM

LZ

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Leslie Ziegler - January 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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Leslie Ziegler - January 24, 2017 at 11:05 AM

JJ

“ My name is Jennifer I got to know MR. Thornton for just a short time while he was at Manassas rehab. I became his instinct friend by making sure he had his breakfast with two.eggs each day. It was honor to know him and Mrs. Thornton. They are a special couple I miss Lex a lot and will cherish him. He and his wife was so happy to know that want to become a CNA . I miss my friend rest in peace with Jesus LOVE U AND MRS. THORNTON

Jennifer judy - January 23, 2017 at 09:01 AM

LI

“ Ann
Our hearts go out to you and the rest of your family at this time. We go way back Lex, you and I/E Systems. You and Doug/EDS. Lex and I/ArgonST. Lex will always have a special place in my heart. He graciously shared his knowledge and experience with a green PM! We do not have to tell you how very special you are to him! It was our pleasure to call him Friend!

Linda and Doug Milton

Linda - January 22, 2017 at 10:52 PM

RE

“ The Barklage crew sends our love and prayers. Lex was like a grandfather to the kids and we are all going to miss him so very much. In the short time we knew him, we were able to see how amazing and inspiring he was. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Reesa - January 21, 2017 at 12:20 PM

LD

“ To Ann and all of Lex's family. Our condolences and prayers are with you. Lex was a wonderful friend. I enjoyed his company for so many years on the golf course and beyond, We will miss him very much.

Larry and Jackie Delclos

Larry Delclos - January 21, 2017 at 09:34 AM

AA

“ Most amazing man!! Loved his wife, his country, and his work. He was a standard to live up to, and his sense of humor was infectious. He will be missed by so many. RIP dear friend.

a long time friend and admirer - January 20, 2017 at 06:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lex Eugene Thornton.



January 20, 2017 at 03:50 PM

RH

“ Rita Mueller and Milton Hart purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of Lex Eugene Thornton.



Rita Mueller and Milton Hart - January 19, 2017 at 10:27 PM

RM

“ Hello Anne, I just got your message. I am so sorry to hear that Lex has gone. My prayers are with you. Miltie sends his deepest sympathies. From our heart to yours, Love Rita

Rita Mueller - January 19, 2017 at 09:10 PM

SJ

“ Ann my prayers goes out to you and the family love you
Sharon Jones

Sharon Jones - January 19, 2017 at 08:29 PM

JK

“ Anne and family,
I was saddened to hear this news. My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.
Anne, Lex was so lucky to have you by his side.
You are always in my thoughts-especially at this time.
Love you,
Judy K

Judy Kelley - January 19, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lex Eugene Thornton.



January 19, 2017 at 07:09 PM

RB

“ *Dearest Anne and family, My sincerest sympathies. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, you have been for quite awhile now. Mom called me, she loves you, as do I.*

*Little Bro,
Richard*

Richard Benoit - January 19, 2017 at 05:58 PM