



Reginald Victor Thornton Jr.

August 16, 1957 - December 15, 2025

Reginald Victor Thornton Jr., beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, was born on August 16, 1957, in Long Branch, New Jersey, to Reginald Victor Thornton Sr. and Mildred (Torrence) Thornton.

Reginald received his formal education in New Jersey and graduated from Long Branch High School. He attended Jersey City State University, where he completed two years of college. He then honorably served in the United States Marine Corps, earning several awards, including the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, Meritorious Mast (3rd Awd), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, as well as certificates of commendation and letters of appreciation.

He dedicated many years of service to Norfolk Southern Railroad. A devoted employee, he shone through in everything he did, with his strong work ethic and commitment. He took pride in his work and carried himself with professionalism and integrity throughout his career.

He had a passion for politics and sports, and occasionally went to the movies and had dinner. He often engaged in lively discussions that reflected his enthusiasm and sharp mind. He enjoyed playing chess and was a member of the Internet Chess Club, a game he approached with the same strategic thinking and passion he applied to all aspects of his life. His sense of humor brought joy to those around him, and his laughter was truly contagious.

Reginald was passionate about fitness and enjoyed working out, always caring for his health and well-being. His enthusiasm for life, unwavering dedication to his family and friends, and commitment to his interests and hobbies left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

On December 15, 2025, at the age of sixty-eight, Reginald peacefully transitioned into eternal rest at UPMC Harrisburg Hospital, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and dedication.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Yolanda Thornton of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; his daughter, Regina Thornton-Ramos of Steelton, Pennsylvania; his son, Joshua Thornton of Baltimore, Maryland; his parents, Reginald Victor Thornton Sr., and Mildred Thornton of Jackson, New Jersey; his brother, James Thornton of Ashburn, Virginia; seven grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 6, at WFD.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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106 Agnes St
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Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Reginald Victor Thornton Jr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - January 06 at 09:16 AM

AD

“ I enjoyed working with Reggie he was a real gentleman. I pray for peace and comfort for his family.

Alan Disbrow - January 09 at 06:11 PM

DM

“ Dearest Yolanda, Regina, Joshua and the entire Thornton family: You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in your loving memories of Reggie.
Love, Dale and Lata



Dale McElveen - January 04 at 06:37 PM

DF

“ Dale McElveen & Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Reginald Victor Thornton Jr..



Dale McElveen & Family - January 04 at 06:28 PM

YN

“ *Your Nieces purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Reginald Victor Thornton Jr..*



Your Nieces - January 02 at 10:01 AM

YN

“ *Your Nieces planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reginald Victor Thornton Jr..*

Your Nieces - January 02 at 10:01 AM