



## Ronny Lee Thornton

February 5, 1948 - December 5, 2021

Ronny Lee Thornton of Grand Ledge went to be with the Lord on December 5, 2021. Ron was born February 5, 1948 in St. Johns, Michigan to the late Roy and Ila (Spiegel) Thornton. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School Class of 1966 and went on to attend barber school in Flint. He owned and operated Ron's Barbershop and was a barber for over 55 years. Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing with his friends. He also had a love for horses and traveled with his wife horseback riding all over the country and through those many trips made some wonderful lifelong friends.

He is survived by his wife of over 29 years, Kathy (Sealy); daughters, Darla (Dana) Rice and Denise Thornton; step-son, Steven Holwerda; grandchildren, Dana Isabelle Rice, Kaden and Vivi Thornton; sisters, Kayla (Ron) Tipton and Judy (Ron) Newman; sister-in-law, Carolyn Thornton along with several nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by brother, Larry Thornton. A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021, 12:00 pm at the Community Baptist Church, 7832 W. Mt. Hope Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 with The Reverend Timothy W. Jackson, officiating. Interment will follow at Meadowbrook Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 5-8:00 pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge and at the church Saturday from 11:00 am until the time of the service. Ron especially enjoyed sponsoring children to attend Christian camp and the family would like you to honor Ron's memory by directing memorial contributions to Camp CoBeAc, C/O Community Baptist Church (<https://www.osvhub.com/communitybaptistla>

nsing/funds/other). Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Meadowbrook Cemetery

3667 W. Grand Ledge Hwy  
Mulliken, MI 48861

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
[jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com](mailto:jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com)  
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## Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Community Baptist Church  
7832 W. Mt. Hope Highway  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Service

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DEC 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ So terribly sorry to hear of Ron’s passing. My dad went to Ron for years to get his hair cut. so did I it was always so great to talk with Ron ask him about the horses see how he was doing and to share when we got to retire my son got his very first haircut from Ron and continued till recently when he just found out today that Ron passed may he rest in peace he was it good friend and an excellent man. he will be missed 🙏😭

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**Donald McVaugh Jr** - January 11, 2022 at 01:31 PM

TR

“ I am so sorry for just hearing this terrible news when I called Ron on Dec. 17th to make an appointment. Ron has been my barber for many years, and I will certainly miss our conversations. Kathy, I never met you, but I felt I knew you as Ron talked so much about you. My heartfelt wishes go out to you.

*Tom Remington*

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**Tom Remington** - December 17, 2021 at 01:21 PM

JC

“ My condolences to Kathy and the family of Ron. Unfortunately I just found out today, Thursday, December 15th. I am without words expressing my grief. Ron was my barber for years and I followed him out to his home to continue. I was just about to call him when I got the news. He was a good friend and never had a bad word against anyone. I will miss my conversations with him and feeding treats to the horses. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Jay Corey** - December 16, 2021 at 04:35 PM

ED

“ Kathy and family Eugene and I are deeply saddened by the news of Ron’s passing! Ron was Eugene’s barber for over 40 yrs. Eugene is going to miss his haircuts! It was already a pleasant visit for me when I started taking Eugene to get his haircuts. Ron had a gift of talking to people. He will be missed. Eugene and Gloria Dokum

Eugene Dokum - December 16, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DK

“ Ron was first my neighbor, then became my barber. He was always upbeat and genuinely glad to see his customers. I will certainly miss him. Rest In Peace, my friend.  
Bill Dickert

Dickert Karl - December 15, 2021 at 11:07 PM

SC

“ My sincere condolences to the Thornton family at the passing of a terrific guy and a wonderful barber. Ron gave me my first haircut at the Campus Barber Shop in E. Lansing in the early 1960s. I followed him around to the other shops he worked at for years. Finally, he told me at his barbershop on Cryerts Rd, just before he closed, that I was his oldest customer!  
My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Thornton family. May Ron rest in peace.

Skip Collins - December 11, 2021 at 09:36 AM

GH

“ Our sincerest condolences to his wife, Kathy and family. Garry has been enjoying Ron's haircuts for 46 years. Our 27 year old son got his first haircut from Ron. We all loved this wonderful guy! His cup was always overflowing!

Garry, Liz and Joey Hollopter - December 10, 2021 at 04:00 PM

DS

*I met Ron 35 years ago and followed him around. It was great when he moved his shop home! Everytime I would get my hair cut my wife would so she could see Diego his horse. My hairs will never be the same. What a great person and human being he was.*

*Due to health I was unable to attend your funeral which really made me feel bad. But knowing Ron he would have said,an stay home and take care of your self. That's the kind of man he was.*

*It's so strange but I had a dream about Ron. I was in heaven and Ron was there sitting in a golf cart. He was turned in his seat with his arm on the back of the seat. He looked back, said I've been waiting for you. I said Ron not just yet said when I do cone to play ill even give you a mulligan. He looked at me and laughed in that laugh he has and said, up here you don't need one. I'll be waiting*

*Go to hit my second shot. See you when your ready. I'll be waiting. He just laughed and waved and drove off.*

*Never had so much fun playing golf as with Ron! Damn, I'll going to miss you my friend!!!! My heart feels so heavy. Ron, hit the hard and straight, keep the seat open for me as I'll be seeing you soon. Man will we have fun!! Love ya man!!*

*Your old buddy of 35 years*

*Dennis Lithander Sr.*

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**Dennis Lithander Sr** - December 12, 2021 at 09:51 AM

D.

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**D.Rice** - December 09, 2021 at 03:49 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronny Lee Thornton.



December 08, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ Sending our hugs and sympathy. The Harley Barnes family.



**Debra Hansbarger** - December 08, 2021 at 12:04 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron & his entire family. I was a customer for many years and we will miss him terribly. The Hansen's, Ron & Dawn*

**Ron & Dawn Hansen** - December 09, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ Ron’s barbershop.” How I miss that familiar greeting when I called for an appointment. Ron was a wonderful person who put his Christian faith into practice in many ways, including going to homes and facilities to give haircuts to those who couldn’t come to him. My condolences to his family.

**John Post** - December 08, 2021 at 11:47 AM

ML

“Ronnie was an amazing man and someone we will always love. He will be forever missed. Our hearts are with you. Love you, Meghann, Tom, Gracie & Tea.



Meghann Little - December 08, 2021 at 11:09 AM

RT

“Ron Travis purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ronny Lee Thornton.



Ron Travis - December 08, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronny Lee Thornton.



December 08, 2021 at 09:56 AM

DL

“ *Those haircut sessions with Ron not only made you look much better, they sent you on your way feeling better. That’s because he was always of good cheer and upbeat. As each visit unfolded it was downright refreshing to hear Ron share his enthusiasm on a potpourri of subjects, including sports in general, golf in particular plus his green-thumb accomplishments in gardening. God Bless Him Dick Lehman*

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**Dick Lehman** - December 08, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JS

“ *My heart goes out to Ron’s family. He was a great Christian and a really nice guy. I met Ron while he was putting up the sign outside his new shop on the corner of Creyts and St. Joe. He became my new barber. I always enjoyed going to his shop. If I remember correctly, that was at least 15 years ago. Ron will be missed by many. ❤️❤️❤️*

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**jim smith** - December 07, 2021 at 09:19 PM

BT

“ *Ron is one of the kindest human beings that we have ever met. He was also a man of God. We enjoyed our conversations with him while getting our hair cut. Kathy and family our hearts are sorrowful for your loss. May the Holy Spirit comfort you as you grieve Ron's passing.*

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**Bob and Rita Truax** - December 07, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DG

“ *May the Angels welcome him to Paradise. May the Martyrs greet him on his way. May he see the face of the Lord this day.  
ALLELUIA! Alleluia  
Our thanks to the Lord for sharing this wonderful human being with us. My sympathies to the family. Deacon Phil from St. Gerard*

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**Deacon Phil Guyeskey** - December 07, 2021 at 09:47 AM

GC

“ *It's unfortunate for us that wonderful people like Ron do not enter our lives as often as we would like. Ron started off as being my barber, we quickly became friends. I am a better person for having the opportunity to know Ron and call him a friend. I will miss you.*

*Griff Canfield*

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**Griff Canfield** - December 07, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronny Lee Thornton.*



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December 06, 2021 at 09:14 PM

JO

“ So sorry to hear that Ron passed last weekend. For the past 15 years or so, he was my go-to Barber and I looked forward to seeing him every 6 weeks for some excellent conversations and a chance to feed a cookie to his horse.

*Absolutely one of the best men I have ever met. I will miss him dearly - until we meet again. John Caudell*

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**john** - December 06, 2021 at 06:13 PM

JG

“ Cathy & family,  
We are very sorry for your loss. Ron will be deeply missed by all that knew him, what a great guy! I had the pleasure to know him for 25 years. He was always happy to see you. ,He was always a pleasure to be around. Ron seemed so happy with his life and where he was at in his life.I know from his talks he loved his family unconditionally, and it was the most important part of his life.  
May he rest in peace, and may you all know he loved you all deeply!  
Jerry & Vauna Glisson

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**Jerry Glisson** - December 06, 2021 at 05:06 PM

EM

“ My friend. We fished together, rode horses, laughed,told stories, shared life’s experiences..... I am truly missing my friend.  
God Bless Kathy, no one has ever tried harder.... May he rest in the arms of the Lord  
Ed

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**Ed Moore** - December 06, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JG

“ *Jerry Glisson lit a candle in memory of Ronny Lee Thornton*



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**Jerry Glisson** - December 06, 2021 at 04:46 PM

DH

“ *Quite simply, the nicest man I ever met. RIP Ron*

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**Doug Hanna** - December 06, 2021 at 02:10 PM

LL

*Deepest Condolences to Kathy and family/friends ... Ron was a good friend and Barber as well ....*

*Great man, good friend, gone to soon ....*

*God Speed ... R.I.P. Ron .....*

*Respectfully, Lyle Leatherbery Delta Township, MI....*

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**Lyle Leatherbery** - December 07, 2021 at 02:11 PM

PB

*I'm so very sorry for your deep loss Kathy. Ron was the nicest person anyone could ever meet. He will be missed by so many. GOD hold his family in your loving arms and give them all comfort. Until we all meet again RIP! Paula Backus*

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**Paula Backus** - December 07, 2021 at 05:57 PM

RT

*Kathy, family and friends so sorry to hear of Ronnie passing.. He was my boss years ago when I cut hair. He trusted Me to handle his Real Estate needs, as his Realtor We went to Canada fishing numerous times. Knowing and experiencing both recreation and business life activities, He was the greatest. Always on an upper, smiling and positive. We'll miss you. Ron and Karen Travis*

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**Ron Travis** - December 08, 2021 at 09:38 AM

PR

*I'm so sorry Kathy..... He was more than just a boss to me. He was also a good friend. I have many wonderful memories and funny stories I will continue to share. He certainly had a great sense of humor and was loved by many people. Be at peace, and let your family help you through this. As Christians we know he is in a better place....one we all long for. I smile when I think of what he and Bruce are up to now!*

*Paula Roe - December 10th*

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**Paula Roe** - December 10, 2021 at 03:10 PM