



## William Davis Thornton

January 11, 1940 - June 26, 2023

William D. Thornton was born on January 11, 1940, to Jack and Lila Thornton in Corpus Christi, Texas. Billy was called to join his Lord on June 26, 2023. He was a loving father, husband, son, grandfather, and friend.

Billy and Jacqueline Rotan were married on October 11, 1964, and shared almost 60 years together. They loved spending time together volunteering in their community. They were both The Volunteer State Coordinators in Missouri for a year with Mission Service Corp. They founded the first Chris Pregnancy Center in Corpus Christi, Tx. in 1990. It is now one of the largest in the nation.

Billy attended A&I University and graduated with his degree in Bachelor of Business Administration.

He served his country for seven years in the United States Air Force Reserves. He was a gifted businessman who was in the retail grocery business most of his life. Also, a deacon and choir member for many years. Billy and Jacqueline taught weekly Bible class at the Bexar County Jail for over twenty years. During this time, they saw the need for a stable environment for women that were being released from jail and prison. They founded Grace House in 2002 for women at risk.

He is preceded in death by his parents Jack and Lila Thornton, sister Beth Paslay and brother Jack Thornton.

He is survived by his wife Jacqueline M. Thornton, son Dr. Davis Thornton, his wife, Dr. Jenifer Thornton and their children Alina, William, and Wren.

Primarily, Billy was a man that loved his Savior, his wife and family.

He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to <https://gracehousesa.org/>

The family will be having a private burial.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mission Burial Park North**

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to Jacqueline and family as they face the void in each day with Billy’s homecoming with Jesus. His laboring and suffering has ceased and he is now in Paradise! Hallelujah! Oh Lord, comfort Jacqueline and family with Your Blessed Assurance and Merciful Comfort. Amen!*



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**Wanda Mayes** - July 02, 2023 at 11:12 AM

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“ *Billy always had a smile on his face. Sweet man. Appeared to love life and now he has it anew for eternity. Blessings to his family and friends.*

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**Donna Hoffman.** - July 01, 2023 at 03:37 PM