

*God grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change...
Courage to change the things I can
and Wisdom to know the difference.
Amen.*



*Robert Thornell, Sr.
October 9, 1949 - April 16, 2011*

Robert Thornell, Sr., 61, of Fred, died Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont, with his family by his side. Born October 9, 1949, to Arvilla Mae Mize and R.C. Thornell, he was a lifelong resident of Port Arthur until 2009, when he moved to Fred. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, Mike Company, 3/7 1st Marine Division, Vietnam, from 1968 to 1969. He worked in the industrial painting business with Brock Services, formerly known as Service Painting, for twenty-seven years, and PPM for six years. Robert was an avid lover of boxing and was a member of Golden Gloves Boxing Association, and also boxed during his service in the Marine Corps. He was involved, along with his children, in Port Arthur baseball and softball leagues from 1989 to 1997. Robert was also a member of the VFW and donated his time and resources to the restoration efforts towards the Veterans Memorial Park. He had the most and greatest love for his children, grandchildren, and family, above all else.

Robert leaves behind his wife of forty-two and a half years, Sheridan Thornell of Fred; children, Melissa Romero of Port Neches, Carrie Thornell of Lumberton, Stacey Woodard of Groves, and Robert Thornell, Jr., of Silsbee; grandchildren, Bryce and Baylee Romero, A.J. and Maranda Estrello, Shae and Hayden Woodard, and Adley and Riley Thornell; sisters-in-law, Shirley Thornell of Port Acres and Jane Thornell of Port Arthur; and numerous nieces and nephews.

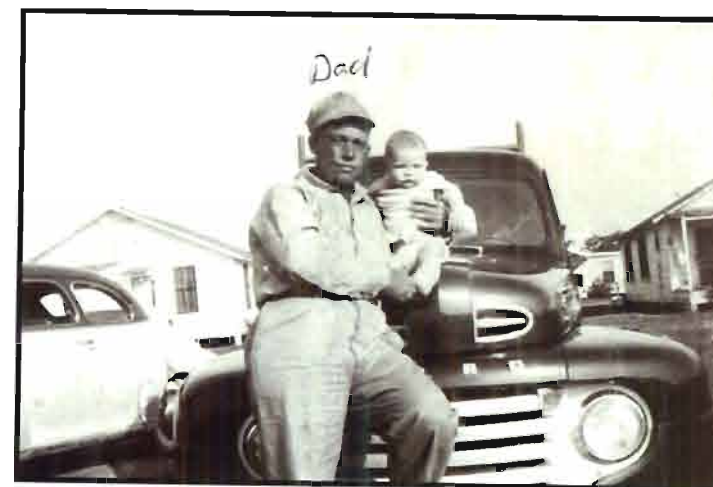
He is preceded in death by his parents, R. C. and Mae Thornell; and brothers, Harley Thornell, Dillmer Thornell, and Jerry Thornell.



Parents



Dad - Rob - Brother



Dad



me & Rob in Cancun Mex.



Xmas 3 yrs ago



At Beach in the 90's



X-mas party 2009



Vietnam



Vietnam counting



The days to come home!

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.

“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.”

The Lord replied, “My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

newborn Rob son



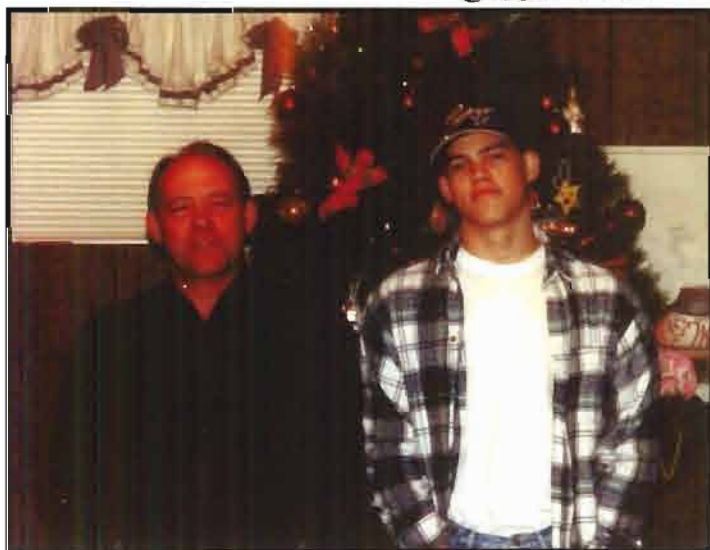
2nd grand child



Early 90's 2 grand ^{Kia}



Easter 1973



Xmas 2008

son



Rob's
brothers
my Dad
my mom
Look at
dog tags
on Rob
had made
with
Ben's
Name
&
KIA



Grand kids
X 2010



my kids 2009

Funeral Service
Wednesday, April 20, 2011 2:00 p.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Nederland, Texas

Memorial Contributions
V.F.W. Post
710 Main Street
Port Arthur, Texas 77619

American Cancer Society
P.O. Box 5144
Beaumont, Texas 77726

American Heart Association
P.O. Box 7015
Beaumont, Texas 77726

Pallbearers
Cedric Fontenot
Jerry Richardson
C. B. Holland
Bo Thornell
Bryce Romero
Shae Woodard

Interment
Greenlawn Memorial Park
Groves, Texas



Please sign Mr. Thornell's guest book and share your memories at
www.broussards1889.com

Brother - Sister - law



Both Brothers - mother



me & Rob - dating



Rob - Mother



Pregnant for 1st child while in Vietnam



my Brother with my 1st

Rob on CB Radio

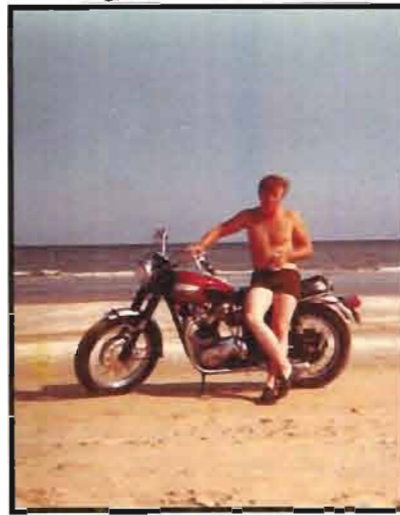


Boxing in Vietnam



Early 80's

Best Friend



Early 80's

with 1st grandchild



November 1991



1970's



with 1st child



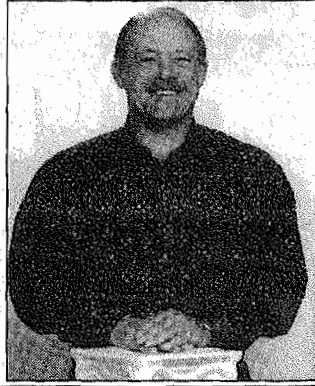
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2nd 1st 4th 3rd



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His funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Broussard's, 505 12th Street, Nederland, with burial to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves. A gathering of his family and friends will be from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at Broussard's.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the V.F.W., 710 Main, Groves, Texas, 77619; the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 5144, Beaumont, Texas, 77726, or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 7015, Beaumont, Texas, 77726.

Complete and updated information may be found at www.broussards1889.com

