



## Wilbur Franklin Thornton

April 16, 1931 - August 6, 2010

Wilbur Franklin Thornton Wilbur Franklin Thornton was born April 16, 1931 in Jackson, Ohio to the late Dana Otto Thornton and Esther Manring Thornton. Wilbur, formerly of Temple, Texas, died on July 1, 2010 in Huntsville, Texas at age 79. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn Yvonne Hughes Thornton, son, Michael Patrick Thornton and parents. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dolores Thornton of Huntsville, TX; sons, Stephen Franklin Thornton and Dana Arthur Thornton both of Huntsville; sister, Eunice Thornton Oyer of Chillicothe, Ohio; brothers, Alvin Otto Thornton of Oxyard, CA. and John Winston Thornton of Bellville, IL; six grandchildren; step-daughter Asa McAdams and husband Paul McAdams; three step-grandchildren; and step-son Marvin Francis Jowers. Mr. Thornton retired from the U.S. Army after serving in Korea from 1950-1951, two tours in Vietnam from 1966-1967 and 1970-1971, and two tours in Italy and Germany. He was a member of the ACLU, HSUS, Greenpeace, IFAW, ASPCA, Friend of Animals, National Org. for Women, Planned Parenthood, PETA, Animal Legal Defense Fund, National Defense Resources Council, DNC and the Texas Victory Fund. He was also a former Bell County Election Judge for the Democratic Party, a wine connoisseur and belonged to three wine clubs. Memorial Services will be held Friday, August 6, 2010, 11:00 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to: Little Woman Home for Animals, 66 Evelyn Lane, Huntsville, Texas 77340 (936-435-9820). Those wishing to

leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur Franklin Thornton*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *"Bud" was only a part of our lives for a short time, but we cherish the memories! What an amazing friend and rich blessing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Rachel & John Yarabeck** - August 16, 2010 at 08:30 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss.*

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**Bob & Mellicent Wiley & Family** - August 11, 2010 at 02:27 PM