



Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton

July 9, 2000 - June 19, 2017

Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton, age 16, of Marietta, GA died from injuries received from an auto accident, Monday, June 19, 2017. Funeral Services will be held 3pm Saturday, June 24, 2017 at West Cobb Funeral Home and Crematory in Marietta with Rev. Richard Hill and Rev. David Jones officiating. The family will receive friends from 1pm until 3pm prior to the service. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony at the funeral home pavilion. AT THE REQUEST OF THE FAMILY, PLEASE COME IN CASUAL ATTIRE. Mahlon was employed with Queenies Southern Restaurant in Canton and Georgia Lawn. He previously attended Due West Elementary, Lost Mountain Middle School, Harrison High School, and was a rising senior at Creekview High School in Cherokee County. He also attended Macland Presbyterian Church and Due West Methodist Church. He was a competitive cheerleader with the Stingrays, and was a competitive gymnast with Paulding Gymnastics. He loved to fish and enjoyed being outdoors. Survivors include

Parents: Wayne and Jenelle Thornton, Marietta, GA

Sister: Brooke Vann, Woodstock, GA

Maternal Grandfather: Paul Potts, Dallas, GA

Paternal Grandmother: Jean Thornton, Cumming, GA

Aunts, Uncles, Nieces and Nephews

Girlfriend: Katie Whidby

Extended family: Cynthia and Drew Decker, Chase and Rainey Richards.

Contributions may be made to www.CastforKids.org.

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



West Cobb Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. - August 29, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ Today it is two years since I last saw your beautiful face, since I kissed your perfect lips, since I had no choice but to say "goodbye" to your body-bound soul. I've never really said goodbye though - not really. I doubt I can. I doubt I ever would. You were the best thing that ever happened to me and, short though your days on Earth were, you will always live in my heart. It seems implausible to say that I miss you every second of every day - but that, too, is true. I wake up in the morning and brush my teeth, get dressed, eat meals, go to work, do laundry, etc. But deep within me - where my love for you resides forever - I do miss you every second of every day. But one second completed here without you is one second closer to being with you forever. You know how much I long for that day. Te llamo, j'taime, anna bahabik larla, I love you a le'annan, quisioso, mo aman cara, mo cridh, my true love, wa-ahni, if I should live for ever and all my dreams come true, my memories of love will be of you.....

Mommy - June 25, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ Wayne & Janelle, I'm Sorry for the loss of your son Mahlon.. May God Bless You & your family.. From: Deborah Priest, I am Wayne's Friend & we were Senior Caregivers together..



Deborah Priest (Friend) - July 11, 2017 at 07:53 PM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Thornton,

I have fond memories of teaching Mahlon in my 7th grade math class at Lost Mountain Middle School. He was a talented young man, and I know that he was dearly loved! After chatting with Mr. Thornton several months ago at Daily Grind, I kept Mahlon in my prayers. I will continue to pray for you as you process this loss. May God's love surround you and give you peace as you cherish many fond memories of Mahlon.

Respectfully,
Dr. Billie Jean Holubz

Dr. Billie Jean Holubz - June 25, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ We extend our deepest sympathy to your family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. We pray for God to wrap His love and peace around you and comfort you as only He can!
Denise and Mac McLemore

Denise McLemore - June 25, 2017 at 01:06 PM



“ Prayers for both families that God heal you and give you strength and comfort during this very difficult time.

Aimee



Aimee Yarbrough - June 25, 2017 at 03:24 AM



“ so very sorry for your loss Jenelle. you were just in here bragging on him and telling me how proud of him you were. praying for you and your family.

-paige from elon



Paige Dollahite - June 24, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ Dear neighbors, sorry for the loss of your son, Mahlon. I remember when he was born. He was such a sweet and handsome boy. I can just see Wayne teaching him to ride his bicycle in the cul-de-sac. Just know I am praying for you.

Ilyene Spann - June 24, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 24, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ Thinking about your loss every moment of every day since you called me. Look forward seeing you at the service today and meeting Mahlon in heaven. Donna Oliver

Donna Oliver - June 24, 2017 at 06:43 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the tragic accident. My prayers and thoughts for your family during this difficult time. I always remember Wayne and Mahlon coming into Chickfila-West Cobb before school or weekends I got a glimpse of him growing up unto talented young man. Your CFA friend, Sheila

Sheila Piccirilli - June 24, 2017 at 05:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 23, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ Wayne and Janelle, I am so sorry for your loss. I am beyond saddened to have heard the news and my heart is so heavy for you and your family, I will always remember babysitting him, such a beautiful fun baby boy. I also got to see him at our church (Macland Presbyterian) as a child and then growing into a handsome, caring teenager. I remember him skateboarding by my driveway and he would always say hello and ask how I was doing. Such a sweet kid he will be greatly missed. I love you guys and will be praying for you.
Love Your Neighbor and MPC Family,
Kelly Garrard

Kelly Garrard Putnam - June 23, 2017 at 07:45 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Thornton family. Keeping you all in my prayers.



Carolyn Johnson - June 23, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. My thoughts and prayers for the family. Always,
Barbara Hays

Barbara Hays - June 24, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ I remember this cute little tow-headed boy with bangs and glasses from a very early age. He was smart, witty, inquisitive, and always polite. In fifth grade, he continued to have many friends in our class and as his teacher, I particularly remember his gymnastic performance at the fifth grade end-of-year talent show. We knew then he was going to great heights with his gymnastics. Another memory was when he had

tried to pull something over on me and his parents, so we met after school for a "quick conference" with Mahlon in attendance. I remember how supportive his parents were of Mahlon and me. It was nothing serious, but as Wayne said, "let's nip this in the bud," and show him we'll all be working together. Mahlon left that day knowing how loved he was. Those parents were amazing examples of the love parents need to show their children. They were always giving and always supportive where Mahlon was concerned. I am so saddened at his untimely passing, and will remember him as a well-rounded student who loved life. In the past few days, I've looked at some YouTube videos of his gymnastic performances, and I see the strength and determination he brought to those events, and I remember hearing about them on Monday mornings in class. Rest in peace, Mahlon, and Jenelle and Wayne, you did a great job with this amazing young man. I'm glad I got to know Mahlon and your family.

Judy Davis - June 23, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 23, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 23, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ Dear Janelle and Wayne... My heart cries with you. I love you.

Kathi Parchem - June 23, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ Davis Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



Davis Family - June 23, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 23, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 23, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ Lovingly in Remembrance of Mahlon--Rick, Tan, & RJ purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



Lovingly in Remembrance of Mahlon--Rick, Tan, & RJ - June 23, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ To the Thornton Family~there are no words this side of heaven to give true comfort for the loss of Mahlon. I can only say how very sorry I am to hear of Mahlon's passing.

To Mahlon~I remember your Dad coming into the Due West School office to check you out and the way he lit up with pride when you rounded the corner. I remember your mom's determination to win the Tony Stewart collection for you from the Silent Auction that year. You were so loved and respected. Thanks be to God for the blessed hope that we will see our loved ones again. Rest in peace, sweet boy.

~Mrs. Dewberry, Due West Elementary School Secretary, Retired

Susan Dewberry - June 23, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear of the tragic passing of Mahlon. He was always such a good student. He was so kind and so smart. His life was cut way too short of seeing his successful future as a young man and an adult. I am praying for all of his friends and family. May God give you strength in the upcoming days, weeks, months, & years. No parent should ever have to bury their child. God bless you all. ~ Ms. Gilbert/Hollis (Mahlon's 4th grade teacher)



Melisa Hollis (Gilbert) - June 23, 2017 at 07:05 AM



“ Dear Jenelle,

There are not any words that can be said to comfort you only God can give you peace and comfort my heart hurts for you after hearing about Malhon all these years I feel I should know him. You loved him so very much and you are a great mom. And he loved you. I'm keeping you in my prayers love you

Deborah Westbrook - June 23, 2017 at 06:11 AM



“ Deborah Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton



Deborah Westbrook - June 23, 2017 at 06:01 AM



“ Sue Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton



Sue Bradley - June 22, 2017 at 08:19 PM



“ Wayne & Jenelle,
Sue & I are struggling to find words to describe our sadness that we feel for you. We can only say that our hearts are broken for you and we pray that you may experience some sense of solidarity of community and fellowship during this time of incredible pain and despair that you are feeling. Hoping that some healing may be yours from the love and support of all those who love you. Blessings and peace be upon you and the memory of your sweet child, Mahlon.

Rev. Dr. Ron & Sue Bradley

Sue Bradley - June 22, 2017 at 08:19 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.





“ Your neighbor, Ron Bryant purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



Your neighbor, Ron Bryant - June 22, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ Russ Henshaw, Celesta Freeman & Stephanie Akin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



Russ Henshaw, Celesta Freeman & Stephanie Akin - June 22, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 22, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ Jenelle & Wayne - just to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in this terrible loss of your beloved son. The pain of this loss will always be with you but you are both strong, caring people of faith and this will help you cope. You are surrounded by friends and family who love you and they will help sustain you. Our love to you both.

Jim and Gwen Hawes

Gwennette Hawes - June 22, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ Teresa & Lucio purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



Teresa & Lucio - June 22, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



June 22, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ Dawn Bender and Curtis McInnis purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



Dawn Bender and Curtis McInnis - June 22, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ Laura purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



Laura - June 22, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear this news.....my heart breaks for your family.....I met Mahlon at the Daily Grind when he attended his dad's bible study in middle school. From time to time, my husband and I ran into Wayne in the community and he always expressed great love for Mahlon. You will all be in our prayers.....

Pam Crawford McClure - June 22, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ May you rest in peace I. The loving arms of our Heavenly Father. You will be missed.

Teresa Mongeau - June 22, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ This news breaks my heart. Mahlon was such a fine young man, gentle soul. Joshua, Madison, Gene and I always enjoyed Mahlon's company - - he will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jenelle and Wayne. May He blanket you with love, peace and understanding during this difficult time! Blessings to you all. Godspeed!

Linda Stricker-Campbell

Linda Campbell - June 22, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ No words suffice for the loss of your precious son. My heart is weighed down with sorrow for your family. May the peace beyond all understanding be your comfort today and all of the tomorrows ahead. My deepest sympathy is extended to you.

Catherine Turner-Nalley - June 22, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ With sympathy and friendship Brooke,

Susanne Allen Thomas

Susanne Allen Thomas - June 22, 2017 at 08:25 AM



“ Wayne and Jenelle,
We are praying for you and are so saddened by your loss. We pray that God will draw especially close to you at this time and lift you up and bring you His peace. So many friends are holding you close in their hearts.

The Yaramishyns

Laura R Yaramishyn - June 22, 2017 at 07:27 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ereania & James

Ereania Rawley - June 22, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ Wayne and Jenelle, There are no words to express our sorrow. Please know that you are loved and will continue to be lifted up in our prayers. Our hearts ache for you. He was such a beautiful boy. With much love and many prayers, The Campbell Family

Susan Campbell - June 22, 2017 at 07:18 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Rachael & family.

Rachael Yoder - June 22, 2017 at 06:12 AM



“ Dear Wayne and Jenelle.....our hearts are broken with you and we send our love and prayers. Peace be with you. Billy, Karen, Elizabeth, and Hayes Barber

Karen Barber - June 22, 2017 at 06:00 AM



“ The Hawes Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Mahlon Edward "Monkey" Thornton.



The Hawes Family - June 21, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are sent your way. Love never dies. You are in our thoughts and prayers for peace.

The Coffman Family

Raymond - June 21, 2017 at 07:23 PM



“ My spunky, athletic, intelligent Mahlon! My heart is heavy. I was blessed to have you in my class for two years. There was never a dull moment! One of my favorite memories is when you convinced your parents to let you have kittens. May you rest in peace. Prayers are sent for your mom and dad.

sheri fowler - June 21, 2017 at 06:04 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by your loss.....we both remember Mahlon showing us some of his gymnastic routines in the grass outside Macland Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you both and the entire Thornton family.

Ken and Debbie Collins

Ken & Debbie Collins - June 21, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers! God give you strength in the coming days. Barry & Donna Lemons, NC

Donna Lemons - June 21, 2017 at 05:27 PM