



David L. Thornburg

February 5, 1940 - October 26, 2025

David LeRoy Thornburg, 85, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, following a blessed day at his granddaughter's wedding.

Dave was born on February 5, 1940, in Kansas City, KS, to Rev. Wilmer Neil Thornburg and Alta DeLoras (Belcher) Thornburg. He attended Cecil Elementary and Cecil High in McDonald, PA and graduated from Southeast High in Wichita KS. As a young man, Dave enjoyed hunting and trapping, cross country, wrestling and football.

Dave married Brenda Joyce Hawkins on August 10th, 1959. Settling in Wichita, KS, Dave earned a B.S. in Education from Wichita U. while working in the lighting department of the university. Dave taught at both Hills Henderson Elementary and Canon McMillan Senior High School and pursued several other occupations, including upholsterer, salesman, chauffeur, entrepreneur, inventor and business manager.

Dave leaves behind three children, Dean Alan Thornburg, Mark LeRoy Thornburg, and Suzanne Lynn (Thornburg) Reeser, 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, a brother, a brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

There will be a private graveside service on November 14th. Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Dave's life that afternoon at 2 pm at the

Chartiers Bend Retirement Resort in Bridgeville, PA, where Dave had resided.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in David's Name to the Old Growth Forest Network. <https://www.oldgrowthforest.net/donate>

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“ *María C Ayala sent a virtual gift in memory of David L. Thornburg*



María C Ayala - November 14, 2025 at 05:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David L. Thornburg.*



November 13, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ *Sirous and Maryam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Thornburg.*

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