



## Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry

October 13, 1927 - October 9, 2014

Robert Max (Bobby) Thornsberry, Sr. was born on October 13, 1927, to Roy and Mabel (Morrison) Thornsberry, and departed this life October 9, 2014.

Bob married Wanda Jean Maxey on February 21, 1953, and to this union two sons were born: Robert Max and Michael Dean.

Bob became a Christian at a young age and became a member of Swedeborg First Baptist Church in 1945 where he faithfully served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher for a number of years. Bob was also a proud member of Gideons International.

Bob graduated Swedeborg High School in 1946 and attended University of Central Missouri where he graduated with a Bachelor of Industrial Arts in 1967 and later earned a Master of Safety degree. He also received a Specialist of Administration degree. Bob taught driver education at Waynesville High School for 23 years and retired in 1990.

Bob's true vocation and love was farming. He purchased the family farm when he and Wanda Jean were married.

Bob is survived by his wife of 61 years, Wanda Jean (Maxey) Thornsberry. He is survived by his two sons, Dr. Robert Max Thornsberry, Jr., and his wife,

Brenda, of Richland, Mo. and Dr. Michael Thornsberry, and his wife, Susan, of Macon, Georgia. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Dr. Jonathan Thornsberry and his wife, Holli, of Ozark, Mo., Jessica Hartman, and her husband, Travis, of St. Charles, Mo., Melissa Thornsberry of Malibu, Calif. and Sarah Thornsberry of Gainesville, Fla. He also leaves five great grandchildren: Jacob, Jordan, Johanna, Jensen and Stella.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother and brothers, Kenneth and Joe.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, October 12, 2014 in the First Baptist Church of Swedeborg with Pastor Jim Burton officiating. Bro. Jim Marshall and Bro. Jim Nelson both shared their wonderful memories of Bobby. Merrell Breyer and Amanda Starnes provided the music. Serving as escorts were Jerry, Dennis, Joe, and Jonathan Thornsberry, Travis Hartman and Jake Starnes.

Burial followed in the Bethlehem Cemetery near Richland. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bobby Thorsnberry to the Gideons International and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Cemetery

Richland, MO 65556

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Swedeborg  
Swedeborg, MO

## Service

OCT **12**. 2:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Swedeborg  
Swedeborg, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - October 13, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ *Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Robin Weber Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry*



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**Robin Weber Hoffman** - May 21, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ *Sara Jones lit a candle in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry*



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**Sara Jones** - October 29, 2014 at 02:31 AM

MC

“ my deepest thoughts go out to the family in this time from The Corriveau family he was an awesome man to know



Michelle Corriveau - October 19, 2014 at 08:19 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry



Pamela Cox - October 19, 2014 at 11:16 AM

LB

“ Larry & Sherry Bowling lit a candle in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry



Larry & Sherry Bowling - October 17, 2014 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ God bless his family and his life. He will be missed!



john marbut - October 14, 2014 at 05:01 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok lit a candle in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry*



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**linda cole-schonbok** - October 14, 2014 at 02:40 PM

T7

“ *So sorry to hear about his passing. He was my Driver's Ed teacher and I always thought he had nerves of steel. To this day whenever I am out driving and a ball rolls into the street I still think of him and those driving videos as I am breaking the car! He was a nice , a good instructor and also a handsome man. Praying for your peace and comfort during this time.*



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**Tina Hanson (Stevens - 78'** - October 14, 2014 at 10:16 AM

AC

“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing, but Bill and I know he has accomplished much in this life and now is gone on to his reward. We are so thankful to have known him through the Pulaski County Gideon Camp. He loved the Lord and was a responsible witness to his faith and convictions. Bob made a difference in this world, and thanks to Jesus, we know Bob was welcomed in Heaven for the rest of his eternal life. May your family be blessed with memories of a life well lived.*



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**Annette M. Catts** - October 11, 2014 at 06:30 PM

TM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.



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**Terry/Dian Mitschele** - October 11, 2014 at 04:41 PM

LM

“ To all of the family and friends of Mr. Thornsberry, Praying God's peace and comfort will be with you during your time of sorrow and mourning.

*Linda (Goosen) McLean*

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**Linda McLean** - October 11, 2014 at 11:36 AM

DG

“ Don And Linda Goforth lit a candle in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry



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**Don and Linda Goforth** - October 11, 2014 at 10:26 AM

BA

“ To the family of Robert Thornsberry. So sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Bill Anderson** - October 11, 2014 at 08:19 AM

PH

“ So sorry for your loss,  
*The Hartman Family*



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**penny hartman** - October 11, 2014 at 12:09 AM

DM

“ *The Brothers of the Pulaski County Gideons are sincerely sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a mentor to many over the years and has impacted countless lives for the cause of Christ. The positive impact that he, and you Wanda, have had on this community will leave a legacy of blessings for years to come. Thank you Bob for your faithfulness--to our Lord and Savior, to your sweet wife Wanda, and to your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. The Glory of the Kingdom of God is yours, our dear Brother!*

*Daniel Murray*

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**Daniel Murray** - October 10, 2014 at 03:50 PM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Robert Max "Bobby" Thornsberry*



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**MARLIN STEVENS** - October 10, 2014 at 03:21 PM