



## Raymond 'Ray' Thornton

December 29, 2009

Thornton, Raymond "Ray", age 76, a longtime Royal Oak resident. Passed away at home surrounded by family on December 29, 2009. Dear husband of Sylvia Reynolds. Father of Gary Sue Thornton, Doug Debbie Thornton, and Pam Strunk. Loving grandfather of Paul Sara, Joe Amy, Brian, Greg, and Melissa. Great-Grandfather of Jack, Brooklynn, and Zack. Brother of Bob Lynda and the late Sally Killebrew. Brother-in-law of Jerry Killebrew, Joyce Dick Tenniswood and Bob Connie Reynolds. Ray was a veteran of the U.S. Army stationed in Austria and Germany. He retired after 35 years in the construction business and was a Member of the Carpenter's Union for 54 years. Ray was an avid sportsman, loved the outdoors, and enjoyed vacationing and fishing in Florida for the past twelve years. Ray accomplished walking every street in Royal Oak and provided dog bones to all the dogs along the way. He loved people, loved to work with his hands and loved to help others. Funeral Service Saturday, January 2, 2010, 11 a.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks east of Woodward, Royal Oak. The family will receive friends Friday 2 – 8 p.m, and Saturday 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment Oakview Cemetery. Arrangements by Modetz Funeral Home, Orion. Online guestbook [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com) and [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Thank you for sharing this. My grandpa never left home without a bag of dog treats in his pocket. There were some in every single jacket he owned, in the car, in the basket on his scooter. Your post really Touches my heart. Thank you

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**Melissa** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ This made me smile that you called him Whiskers. Thank you for sharing

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**Melissa** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ My loving Grandpa. I miss you terribly but have taken the lessons you have taught me in life with me everywhere I go. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you and with you were here. I love you. Your little girl, Melissa

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**Melissa** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ it is extremely hard for me to write this. this man was my mentor. he taught me everything i know about fishing many of you will remember me by how i was the young kid who fished with ray i called him whiskers he was my best friend i am 18now but hes know me from many years ago i will miss him deathly as im sure sylvia will goodbye good friend hearing about this so far after really hurt i know hes fishing up in heaven laughing catching those big gar and catfish just like he did here thanks ray :

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**ben tarplee** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Every time I saw Uncle Ray he always had a big hug, smile and a smooch ready for me, am gonna miss that. I Love you Uncle Ray and I am not gonna say goodbye, just see ya in the future.....God Bless You

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**Karen Rob Kleer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of our family friend. Mr. Ray will always be remembered as a kind & gentle man. We will miss talking with him on his walks around the block. He was great to our children which he knew since birth & the treats he gave our pets. I personally found him an interesting man who always had nice things to share. Being a lifelong Royal Oaker, I enjoyed sharing the past with him as we challenged each other on our knowledge of the city's past. We will especially miss seeing him relaxing on your porch as we passed your home on our walk with strollers & pets. Ray was there when our kids learned to ride their bikes & instructed them to "be careful", "listen to Mom & Dad" & "do well in school." Our kids will have fond memories of Halloween because Mr. Ray always had "big bags of chips" special for them. We offer our deepest sympathy & prayers for the days ahead.

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**The Knightsteps** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Uncle Ray, when God chose to take you from us, it left us to our sorrows... but it allowed you to join those who have been waiting to lead you to eternity. We will always miss your smile and the laughter you have brought into our lives. The memories we have of you will strengthen us and help ease our sorrow. God Bless and remember us in your prays.

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**Suzanne Thornton Kommer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ We were so saddened to hear about Ray. He was So special to so many and he will be dearly missed. We are so glad that we visited the cabin that was so dear to him. Our treasured memories will forever live in our hearts. May God and the support of family and friends help you through this most difficult time. With Heartfelt sympathy, Lynne and Mike

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**Lynne Girardot** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ We were saddened to hear about Ray's passing and know he will be extremely missed by his family. Our love and prayers go out to all of you and know God's love is with you.

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**Ray & Charlotte Pencarinha** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ We will miss uncle Ray and the times spent together up at the cabin. He will live on in the many, many years of wonderful memories we have. Our deepest sympathies.

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**Bob & Kathi Thornton** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I will miss him. May God be with Sylvia and 'the kids'

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**Bill Miller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM