



## William "Bill" J Thurston

May 13, 1943 - October 16, 2017

William J. "Bill" Thurston age 74 of Dora, passed away Monday October 16, 2017 at his residence

He was a retired coal miner from Oak Grove Mines; was a member of the UMWA and was a member of Bagley Church of God.

Funeral services will be Friday October 20, 2017 at 11:00 am in the New Horizon Memorial Chapel. Rev. Jack Thorn and Rev. Larry Gilbert will officiate. Burial will follow at New Canaan Cemetery in Empire. Visitation is Thursday night 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Carrie Millsap (Ed); father, James Thurston; first wife, Bernice Thurston and son, Michael Thurston, all of Bluefield, VA; his daughter, Teresa Ann Shrader of Cullman and grandson, Bryan Thurston of Tazwell, VA.

Survivors include his wife Betty Thurston of Dora; his sons, William Edward "Billy" Thurston (Emily) of Tazwell, VA, and Robert Wayne "Bobby" Thurston of Birmingham; grandchildren, Alexis, Christopher (Virginia), Ashley and Jason; great grandson, Ryan; stepchildren, Karey Norris (Renee), Candy Blackmon (Brian), all of Dora; step-grandchildren, Dylon, Bailey and Cooper; several other relatives and many friends.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

# Cemetery Details

## New Canaan Baptist

4140 Coon Creek Rd.  
Empire, AL 35063

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home  
5203 Hollis Goodwin Road  
Dora, AL 35062  
(205) 648-2323

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" J Thurston*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J Thurston.*



October 19, 2017 at 09:24 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home** - October 19, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ *Starbucks Coffee Condolences was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J Thurston.*



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October 18, 2017 at 10:15 AM