



# Tully Thornton

JUN 25, 1964 - OCT 17, 2015



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**T**ully Thornton lost his year-long battle with ALS on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the age of 51.

Born the first of four children to Kenneth and Elena Thornton on June 25, 1964 in Nederland, TX, Tully was a beloved member of the Hornbeck community he called home.

Tully gained respect working alongside his father for many years as a local roofer. In later years he worked as a first grade teacher and was dearly loved by his students.

Tully was an abundantly talented and creative man. From early in life he was a self taught guitarist, singer/songwriter, NSU drummer, multi-instrumentalist and a folk artist. He was also a published author, and illustrator of a children's book, Pretty Pete the Parrot. Tully spent many years mastering the arts. Hide original message

This remarkable man is survived by his three children: Cayla Thornton and boyfriend, John McMillan of Bossier City, Louisiana, Aaron Thornton and Avery Thornton of Hornbeck, Louisiana. The mother of his children, Maurna Thornton of Bossier City, Louisiana. One brother, Todd Thornton of Hornbeck, Louisiana, two sisters: Tami Griffin and husband Dwayne of Hornbeck, Louisiana, Tricia Cartinez and husband Joey of Zwolle, Louisiana. Three nephews: Kirkland, Tyler and Cheyton. Two nieces: Elena and Brisa. And a host of extended family and close friends.

A memorial of his life will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Labby Funeral Home in Leesville, Louisiana. Visitation from 8:00 am until service time.

If you wish, donations may be made to the local ALS foundation in Tully's honor. Donations can be made to Merchant & Farmers' Bank, "Swing for Life Against ALS", and mailed to 439 Roger Park Road, Leesville, Louisiana 71446.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

November 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

"For if we have faith that Jesus died and rose again, so too God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in death through Jesus. 1 Thess. 4:14 Clifton, New Jersey

October 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort and strength from God who promises to be "a secure refuge in times of distress." (Psalm 9:9)

October 26 at 7:00 PM



**Larry Senn** posted:

My dear friend Tully. God brought you into my life for a reason and purpose. We don't understand but God understands. You were such an inspiration to me. You are with Jesus now and I will see you again someday. We will be able to sit down and talk again. We will be able to walk the streets of gold and talk with Jesus together. Thank you Jesus for Tully. You will be truly missed.

October 22 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Tully. We would like to express our sincere condolences during this difficult time . Our thoughts and prayers are with the children and family. We pray for the Lord to give all joy, peace, and understanding that only God can give. God bless all. We love all.

October 22 at 7:00 PM



**Larry/Nancy Senn** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. We would like to express our sincere condolences during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. We pray for the Lord to give all the strength today and days ahead. We ask for the Lord to give all joy, peace and understanding that only God can give. God Bless all. We love all.

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October 22 at 7:00 PM



**Janet Curtis** posted:

I LOVE You my friend Rest In Peace.....Prayers to your Family May GOD wrap his arms around them!!

October 22 at 7:00 PM



**Sheryl Carver Farris** posted:

I will never forget you my dear friend.

October 21 at 7:00 PM



**Cathy Thibaut** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Tully's passing. He was a bright spot in high school and loved by all. Prayers to your family during this time of sorrow.

October 21 at 7:00 PM



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SW

**Sarah Willis** posted:

Tully was a great guy. I met him when we student taught together. He also put a roof on my mother's house. I'm sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

October 20 at 7:00 PM

NR

**Neda & Dave Robertson** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. Tully was a very multi-talented man who will be missed by many. He was a good teacher who found very creative ways to help his students connect with what was being taught. I had the privilege of teaching with him and performing in a play with him. He was a wonderful actor. Dave and I will be praying for the Thornton/Owers family and friends during this very sad and difficult time in their lives.

October 20 at 7:00 PM

GF

**Greg Farris** posted:

Tully was a great classmate all through High School. He always kept the class laughing and in good spirits. I am sorry for your loss and will be praying for your family in this difficult time.

October 19 at 7:00 PM

WB

**William Odell Jr. And Velva Behan** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one...May God Bless each of you and give comfort to your hearts in this time of sorrow...

October 19 at 7:00 PM

SL

**Shannon Leger** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Tully. I knew him most of my life. He was a nice guy. Condolences to the Thornton family. I love y'all.

October 19 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Judy Prather** posted:

From your childhood friend - Judy Drury Prather

October 19 at 7:00 PM



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NB

**Nancy Burns** posted:

It was so sad to hear that Tully had passed away from this awful ALS. My heart breaks for his children. The loss of a parent, at any age, leaves such a large hole in a child's heart. And the loss of one's child has to be just as heart wrenching. I pray that God will give you peace in the days ahead. Cayla, Aaron, Avery, please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

October 18 at 7:00 PM

CH

**Candace Welch Holt** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss you Tully, you were a great friend and always made me laugh.

October 18 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Sharon Mcmillan-Stephenson** posted:

R.I.P. Tully. I wish I could have known you better, and far longer. I feel that I could have learned things from you that I couldn't have anywhere else. You felt with every sense in your body, and that, my man, is living! I'll be praying for your family members, and I'll be listening for that next great song.

October 18 at 7:00 PM

SC

**Shelia Chance** posted:

I'm deeply saddened about the loss of one of my oldest, dearest friends. We were classmates, band mates, college mates and I loved him like a brother. My prayers and thoughts are with the Thornton and Owers family. I love you all. Rest in peace Tully Man.

October 18 at 7:00 PM

SH

**Sherry Bailey (Hair)** posted:

Love and prayers for your entire family. Tully was truly one of a kind and such a great spirit!

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MA

**Michele Amedee** posted:

My heart is broken for your family. So many of my childhood/teen memories have Tully in them. He was like a big brother to me, always full of ideas for fun and for mischief. He had an awesome sense of humor and a flair for performing. He was very talented. I know his absence leaves a gaping hole in your family for now, but it won't be forever. The God of all comfort will take care of you until then. I love you all. Michele

October 18 at 7:00 PM

JD

**Joey Drury** posted:

~ Joey Drury, Leesville, Louisiana

October 18 at 7:00 PM

KL

**Kim Leger** posted:

I met Tully thru my husband, Ronald Leger. He had been friends with Tully along time. Since the 3rd grade. Tully and I shared the same birthday , even year. He was a soul that was on fire for life. He was a joy to be around. RIP Tully man.

October 18 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tully by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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