



Willie Hansel Thornton Jr.
March 7, 1956 - January 20, 2021

Benbrook, Texas - Willie Hansel Thornton, Jr., 64, passed away Jan. 20, 2021 due to Coronavirus. He was born March 7, 1956 of Fort Worth, Texas to Willie Sr. and Pauline Thornton.

Hansel graduated from Spring Branch High School in 1976.

Hansel loved spending time with his two sons Andrew and Henry, more than anything in the entire world. He was an avid fisherman. He also loved banging his Drum set for hours just as much as casting his fishing pole into the water. He loved cooking on the grill, and feeding his leftovers to his dog with a fork.

He was also one of the few who passionately enjoyed his occupation. Hansel worked his entire life in the Oilfield. He started assembling oil tools at Gearhart Owens, and eventually became Vice President of three different Oil Tool companies, American Completion Tools, Blake Engineering & Manufacturing & Alpha Oil Tools. He has a couple of U.S. Patents to show off his dedicated hard work.

His life was a living example of his favorite quote "Ask, and you shall receive" Survived by his sons, Andrew and Henry Thornton both of Fort Worth, Texas; sisters Ruth Ann Rosenthal and husband Wayne, and Pam McKinley and husband Pat; and many beloved nieces and nephews.