



Christopher Edward Thomas

July 9, 1974 - November 14, 2020

Christopher Edward Thomas, the son of Donald and Karen (Hart) Thomas, was born on July 9, 1974, in Alva, Oklahoma. As a man of adventure, he passed away on November 14, 2020, at the age of 46 while hunting with friends outside of Dodge City, Kansas.

He graduated from Alva High School in 1992. Chris attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and Oklahoma State University, where he graduated with Agricultural Economics/ finance minor from both universities. Chris reflected that his college years were some of the best times of his life as we meet such an outstanding network of friends and agricultural pillars. He later received his Master's Degree from the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado.

On December 26, 1998, he and Tara (Bisel) Thomas were united in marriage in Cripple Creek, Colorado. To this union, their only child, Falynn Thomas, was born on October 4, 2010.

Chris worked for Alva State Bank for 26 years. He was very dedicated to his work and treasured his clients and bank family. He loved to help people! He dedicated himself to farmers and agri-businessmen throughout the region. Chris was known by all for his smile, sense of humor and his genuine kindness. He had a niche for getting to know people, a trait his father Don

taught him to understand at an early age.

Chris also treasured his friends! He made each feel special in a way that no other did. He remembered details, and enjoyed reaching out to encourage, taunt and joke. He had a mischievous side that enjoyed a good prank, picture or enhanced story.

He is survived by his wife, Tara Thomas and daughter, Falynn of the home; his parents, Donald and Karen Thomas of Alva, OK; his brother, Timothy Thomas and nephews, Brayden and Zachery of Alva, OK; Grandmother, Leona Thomas of Woodward, OK; Father and Mother-in-law, Kelly and Melody Bisel, Ames, OK; Sister-in-law, Traci Gosney and husband Travis and children Tarren, Tori and Tucker Jack (TJ) of Enid, OK; many aunts, uncles and cousins, and countless longtime friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Leonard and Winnie Hart, and paternal grandfather, Arley Edward Thomas.

A Celebration to honor Chris's life will be held this coming spring.

Contributions may be made to the Alva 4-H, or FFA Booster Club, or The Christopher Thomas Memorial Scholarship in care of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva, PO Box 804, Alva, OK 73717.

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher Edward Thomas*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Chris's passing. It is not right for a parent to see their child go first. Chris and Jeremy were very close friends all through school. I think Chris was the person who helped Jeremy through all his math classes.*

The Lingnau Family. Jerry, Pam, Aaron, Jeremy, and David.

Jerry Lingnau - November 18, 2020 at 06:24 PM

BG

This is very sad news. Chris was a great person. Praying for the family, so sorry for your loss.

Ben Garvie - November 22, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JT

“ *So sorry for your loss . Chris was an amazing man always had a smile on his face. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. ❤️🙏*

jana Terrell - November 18, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Christopher Edward Thomas.*



November 18, 2020 at 08:51 AM

AN

“ *It was an honor to know him and to be his friend. He will be missed. God Bless the Thomas family.*

Anthony Lovelace

Anthony - November 18, 2020 at 02:39 AM

JH

“ *Don, Karen, Tara, and Falyn, Benjy and I are so sad to hear of Chris' passing last weekend. We both have so many wonderful memories with Chris in our times at Alva High School. He was such a warm and funny man. He and Benjy and their group of friends were so blessed to have each other. Your family will be in our prayers as you all move on each day. God bless you all.*
Benjy & Jennifer Hada

Jennifer Hada - November 17, 2020 at 04:17 PM

JS

“ *Very sorry for the Thomas family's loss. The loss of a child is especially heart breaking. Don and Karen, i will keep you in my prayers.*



Jim Scribner - November 17, 2020 at 01:50 PM

GC

“ I was deeply grieved Saturday to learn of the loss of my dear friend, business partner, and confidant. Chris was someone you could trust, a hand shake or your word worked, and genuinely was interested in seeing success and growth for our community. He loved this community and Northwest Oklahoma. He was a proud Oklahoman interested in preserving our way of life. He enjoyed the outdoors and will miss hearing about hunting, fishing, lake trips and just enjoying outdoors (perhaps he will learn to enjoy golf in heaven). He would light up talking about his family: wife, daughter, parents, and of course Aunt Janet. He loved them so and was indeed his priority in life as a provider, husband and father. I miss him. My prayers and deepest heartfelt sympathy Tara, Falynn, and the entire Thomas family.
Geoff Clark

Geoff Clark - November 17, 2020 at 12:26 PM



Praying for your hearts to be warmed with special memories. May peace surround you during this time of void & loss!

DaleVaughna Schmidt - November 17, 2020 at 01:53 PM



Praying your hearts will be warmed with special memories. May peace surround you during this time of sadness

DaleVaughna Schmidt - November 17, 2020 at 01:58 PM

CM

Met Chris at a banking school in Boulder, Colorado and kept in touch over the years. A text here and there during the OU games and always asking him for banking advice. You will be missed my friend. You were one of the best.

Cory Milbrandt - January 05, 2021 at 05:33 PM