



Bryan Clyde Thomas

May 8, 1982 - January 27, 2026

Bryan Clyde Thomas, 43, left this mortal realm on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at his home in Bennington, Oklahoma, and now rests among the heavens and stars he admired so deeply.

Bryan was born on May 8, 1982, in Euless, Texas. He grew up in Cartwright, Oklahoma, and graduated from Colbert High School in 2000. In his youth and early adulthood, he was a member of the Colbert United Methodist Church and traveled on many youth mission trips across the country—building homes, feeding the homeless, and ministering God’s word to others.

An Eagle Scout, Bryan later graduated from Murray State College, earning his Associate of Science degree and being named Science Student of the Year in 2016. He was also a proud member of the NRA.

Bryan—known as BC to most and “Combustible Clyde” to a few (and rightly so)—was a collector of rocks, a lover of nature and animals, and a man who truly appreciated the outdoors. The love of his dogs probably outweighed his love of people most days. He enjoyed wildlife, hunting, fishing, and driving his tractor. Never afraid of hard work, he didn’t mind getting his hands dirty.

Bryan admired quiet mornings and solitude on his homestead and loved spending evenings gazing at the stars while reciting constellations. He had a

passion for fire, pyrotechnics, and anything that went BOOM!—which explains the nickname, if you didn't already know. Saturdays often found him watching Sooners football with Gege, his beloved mother-in-law.

He loved books filled with grand adventures, especially those that allowed him to learn and grow, and he frequently shared strange or fascinating facts he picked up from reading with friends and family. Bryan loved music of all kinds, had the best laugh, an unmatched sense of humor, and gave the biggest, warmest bear hugs. To know BC was to love him.

Above all else, Bryan's greatest love was his family.

He leaves behind his wife of 19 years, Erin Michelle Thomas; four beautiful children: Kyler Dean Raines of Dallas, Texas; Jimanie Jasper Rain Thomas and fiancé Wade Minyard; Ezekiel Blaze Clyde Thomas and girlfriend Allie Boone; and Kopelynn Ace Thomas and girlfriend Chloe Wall, all of Bennington, Oklahoma; and his granddaughter, Ivory Clyde Minyard, also of Bennington. He was joyfully anticipating the arrival of his first grandson. Bryan is also survived by his parents, Terry Lee and Sammie Lynn Thomas of Bennington, Oklahoma; his brother, Jason Dean Thomas and wife Tabitha of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; his sister, Terri-Lynn Confer and husband JC of Colbert, Oklahoma; his paternal grandmother, Nelda Yvonne Thomas of Cartwright, Oklahoma; his God-parents, Bud and Vickie Wines of Cartwright; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and many close friends. He also leaves behind his cherished parents-in-love, Kelly and Shelia McDonald of Bennington, Oklahoma, and Rick and Sherri Stair of Houston, Texas, as well as his brother-in-law, Wesley Stair of Mansfield, Texas.

Bryan was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, JC and Martha Blackmon; his paternal grandfather, Wallace Dean Thomas; his uncles Jerry, Kerry, and Kevin Thomas; and his cousin, Deidra Blackmon.

In a letter written to his wife, Bryan once shared words that reflect the depth of his love and the life he cherished:

“I wouldn’t change a thing—except maybe hold you closer, love you louder, and slow down time so I could stay in each moment just a little longer.”

Services will be held at Brown’s Funeral Home in Durant, Oklahoma. Family Night is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Memorial Service will follow on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Officiated by Bro. Don Hyde Jr.

Services are under the direction of Brown’s Durant Funeral and Cremation Services.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/ZGLDHLMWCLQM876M>

Previous Events

Family Visitation

FEB 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
(580) 920-0393
info@brownsfuneralservice.com
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
(580) 920-0393
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Bryan Clyde Thomas*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - February 03 at 02:43 PM



“ *Nelda Thomas purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bryan Clyde Thomas.*



Nelda Thomas - February 05 at 02:57 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Bryan Clyde Thomas.*



February 05 at 11:22 AM

ST

“ *Missing our daily talks; the endless facts and insights you taught me; most of all I miss your hugs, laughter and hearing your voice see you soon! I love you baby boy, Momma*



Sammie Thomas - February 04 at 10:17 PM

DS

“ *Dad and Sherri purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bryan Clyde Thomas.*



Dad and Sherri - February 03 at 05:18 PM



“ *99 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - February 03 at 02:47 PM

JC

“ Jonny and Christina Callahan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryan Clyde Thomas.

Jonny and Christina Callahan - February 03 at 11:01 AM

JC

“ Jonny and Christina Callahan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bryan Clyde Thomas.



Jonny and Christina Callahan - February 03 at 11:01 AM

CG

“ Bryan was an Eagle Scout for me 26 years ago! He was truly loyal scout with all of his achievements as a boy that grew up into a young man and continued on to become a great man! We were a close family back then with all the boys that grew up together and went to school together! We had so many great memories together with him and that Special Scout family! I will always remember him as a great friend and that little boy who grew up into a man! I love you and I will miss you always Bryan Clyde!!❤️🙏

Charley Garner - February 02 at 04:05 PM

MC

“ May you rest in Peace Bryan! I so wish I could be there! My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family! Marsha L. Cheairs

Marsha Cheairs - February 02 at 03:35 PM

MC

“ *Marsha Cheairs lit a candle in memory of Bryan Clyde Thomas*



Marsha Cheairs - February 02 at 03:34 PM

TK

“ *The Benson Kids. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryan Clyde Thomas.*

The Benson Kids. - February 02 at 11:10 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bryan Clyde Thomas.*



February 02 at 11:10 AM

JT

“ *Jason and Tabitha Thomas & Our Tribe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryan Clyde Thomas.*

Jason and Tabitha Thomas & Our Tribe - February 02 at 10:35 AM

JT

“ *Jason and Tabitha Thomas & Our Tribe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bryan Clyde Thomas.*



Jason and Tabitha Thomas & Our Tribe - February 02 at 10:35 AM