



Clyde Franklin Thomas, Jr.

August 27, 1959 - July 24, 2025

Clyde Franklin Thomas, Jr., 65, of Muskogee, OK was born August 27, 1959, to Clyde and Jewel 'Maxine' (Phillips) Thomas, Sr. and peacefully passed away Thursday, July 24, 2025, at his home with his daughter, Kristin, by his bedside.

Clyde was a dedicated and innovative business owner in the dirt work industry, known for his meticulous work ethic, strong leadership skills, and commitment to delivering exceptional and durable results for every project he undertook. He was proud owner of Muskogee Paving, where he met and cherished the lasting relationships he made throughout his career.

He was a passionate and adventurous spirit whose love for life was evident in every moment he spent fishing in serene waters, meticulously building vintage cars, and gracefully riding horses across open fields. Clyde embraced the thrill of the hunt and cherished the warmth of family connections, always making time for joyful lunches with his dear friends Boyde Webb, Tody Etchison, Pete Peterson, Jack Walford, and his beloved daughter, Kristin. His kind heart and vibrant laughter will be deeply missed, leaving behind a legacy of cherished memories and a profound impact on all who knew him.

Clyde was preceded in death by his wife, Pamela Diane Sutton Thomas; the mother of his daughter, Rhonda Darlene Shanks Thomas; stepson, Bryan Cole; his parents; and a close friend, Jack Wofford.

He is survived by his daughter, Kristin Ellis and husband Steve of Muskogee, OK; son, Rusty Thomas and wife Whitney of Muskogee, OK; stepsons, Jeremy Shanks of Coweta, OK, and Shane Frazier and wife Michelle of Memphis, TN; sister, Sharen Wallace and husband Jimmy of Muskogee, OK; grandsons, Beau Thomas of Muskogee, OK, and Jason Tomlinson of Fort Gibson, OK; granddaughters, Emery Thomas of Muskogee, OK, Raegan McKee of Muskogee, OK, and Elizabeth Arnold of Fort Gibson, OK; great-granddaughter, Viola Marie Ellis of Warner, OK; nephews, Eddie Shanks of Owasso, OK, and Ryan Hoog of Gore, OK; niece, Monica Hoog-Gage of Coweta, OK; many cousins, extended family and many friends. The family wants to give a special thank you to everyone that came to visit him; he was so happy to see everyone and enjoyed visiting with each and every one of you.

Clyde's life will be celebrated 10AM Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Greenhill Cemetery

Pavilion in Muskogee with Chaplain Anna Lowe officiating.

The family of Clyde Franklin Thomas, Jr. has entrusted his care, cremation, and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee. 918-910-8883.

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N York
Muskogee, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Clyde Franklin Thomas, Jr.*



Monica Mabry - July 30, 2025 at 02:17 PM

BW

“ *Beth Seward Warwick lit a candle in memory of Clyde Thomas, Jr.*



Beth Seward Warwick - July 29, 2025 at 10:27 AM

LD

“ *Linda Doughty lit a candle in memory of Clyde Thomas, Jr.*



Linda Doughty - July 28, 2025 at 07:23 PM

DW

“ *Dana L Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Clyde Thomas, Jr.*



Dana L Wheeler - July 28, 2025 at 01:35 PM

BF

“ *Kristin
Your dad was a great man and friend We love you and are here for you*

Boyd and family - July 28, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JW

“ Though we had many years apart, I was so glad I came to see you and we shared memories and laughter. Get ready and we will wet a hook and turn a few laps when we meet again, Godspeed my friend since childhood!

John Wright - July 27, 2025 at 03:21 PM

KE

“ 1 file added to the album My sweet parents

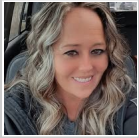


Kristin Ellis - July 27, 2025 at 11:52 AM

BA

My sweet friends, loved them so much! I'm so sorry. Kristen.

Brenda Aston - August 01, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ I was blessed to have such a wonderful father ...Daddy i love u and miss u more than anything

Kristin McElmurry - July 26, 2025 at 09:46 PM

MM

“ Rip Clyde you had a wonderful family that loved you so much. Kristin 🌹 your beautiful daughter ❤️💕 loves you and will always love and remember you. Family God gave you all a very special person loving and kind a wonderful Daddy. Worked so hard never knew a stranger. Clyde God love you may we all meet again someday in heaven. God please help this family give them strength to carry on and peace of mind. Jesus mighty name I pray Amen 🙏. Love you Kristin you're friend Margie 💕

Margie McBride - July 26, 2025 at 09:30 PM

KB

“ I will miss him saying hey Karen lol he never called me Kayrn and it was ok because he was uncle Clyde.



kayrn brooks - July 26, 2025 at 02:35 PM