



## Stephen Edward Thornbrugh

September 1, 1958 - January 23, 2018

Stephen Edward Thornbrugh, 59, of Fort Gibson was born September 1, 1958 in Tulsa, OK to James W. and Jeannette (Dilley) Thornbrugh and peacefully passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at his home with his family by his side.

Steve grew up in the Morris (Okmulgee) area where he attended school. He married the love of his life Debra K Messer on February 14, 1976. Steve's legacy is one of great love for his family which was evident in everything he did.

Steve worked in the oil field most of his life. He was a true outdoorsman, having been a member of the K Bar C Hunting Club where deer camp would last the whole season. He was an avid fisherman, great cook, loved to golf and was considered the crew chief on his friend's race cars. His gentle spirit and demeanor of always being there to help anyone in their time of need was his gift. His problem solving, fix anything attitude was how he approached life. He was a master at the lathe, making pens for gifts and all sorts of crafts for family and friends. He enjoyed traveling and took a trip of a lifetime to the Grand Canyon with his wife.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, James and Jeannette Thornbrugh.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 42 years, Debbie of the home; son, Mitchell Thornbrugh and wife Jana of Fort Gibson; daughters, April McClure of Tahlequah, Cassie Thornbrugh and companion Nick Perkins of Muskogee,

and Linda Chilson (Honorary) of Norman; brothers, Kenneth Thornbrugh of Tulsa, Kevin Thornbrugh of Morris; granddaughters, Emerson Thornbrugh of Fort Gibson, Mattie and Jordyn McClure both of Tahlequah; grandsons, Tegan and Ryker Thornbrugh both of Fort Gibson and Tanner McClure of Tahlequah; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends he loved dearly.

A memorial service celebrating Steve's life will be held 10:00AM Saturday, January 27, 2018 in the Fellowship Bible Church with Pastor Billy Parker officiating. Honorary pallbearers are Kevin Thornbrugh, Ross Jones, Troy Jones, Zack Jones, Les Williams, Braxton Williams, David Acuff, Darren Austin, Ted Williamson, Ricky White, Roger White, and Kevin Kinnamon.

The family of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh has entrusted his cremation and services to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Fort Gibson, OK 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church  
1411 E Poplar  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Cassie and Nick, I just read about your father while looking for another obituary. Sending thoughts and prayers your way, Tom & Debra Ketcham*

**debra ketcham** - February 01, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Debbie and family I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you at this difficult time.*

**Terry Eller** - January 27, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about your loss Debbie and family. May gods blessings find you peace at this time*

**Dan Moffett** - January 26, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *Every time I was around you, you put a smile on my face. We are all gonna miss you Little Brother.*

**Johnny Bryant** - January 26, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home** - January 25, 2018 at 09:35 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Harmer lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



**Cindy Harmer** - January 25, 2018 at 08:39 PM

CW

“ *Debbie and family,  
Steve was such a good, kind man! I have very fond memories during our softball years. He was such a dear friend to Ted. He will be greatly missed  
Condolences to all of you  
Carm*

**carm williamson** - January 25, 2018 at 08:20 PM

GR

“ *Geneva Rabbit lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



Geneva Rabbit - January 25, 2018 at 07:42 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh.*



January 25, 2018 at 05:21 PM

BG

“ *Betty Gray lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



Betty Gray - January 25, 2018 at 04:55 PM

GG

“ *Gary Gloudemans purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh.*



Gary Gloudemans - January 25, 2018 at 04:14 PM

JT

“ Jody T. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh.



Jody T. - January 25, 2018 at 03:55 PM

TH

“ Debbie and family so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Teresa Hurt - January 25, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh.



January 25, 2018 at 03:26 PM

BF

“ Bonnie Factor sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh



bonnie factor - January 25, 2018 at 02:20 PM

JT

“ Steve, I love you and will miss you. I have lost my brother and brother-n-law within a year. I know you and Mike are raising hell with the good Lord. I feel like you both were taken to soon. But by the Grace of God I will see you both again. My love and heart goes out to Debbie and family.

*With love,*

*Jody Thornbrugh*

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**Jody Thornbrugh** - January 25, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh.



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January 25, 2018 at 12:33 PM

CB

“ Christy Bennett lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh



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**Christy Bennett** - January 25, 2018 at 12:17 AM

LF

“ *Lita & Family lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



Lita & Family - January 24, 2018 at 08:59 PM

JL

“ *John Leopard lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



John leopard - January 24, 2018 at 07:09 PM

LS

“ *Larry Schesny lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



Larry Schesny - January 24, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ *Keith and I want to share our deepest sympathy. Prayers to the family*

*Keith & Connie Scott, Smithville, Ok*



Connie Lee Scott - January 24, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh.*



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January 24, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ *I was blessed to be able to visit Steve and Debbie in the hospital last week, and although Steve was dealing with such challenges, he was still kind and hospitable. He shook my hand and thanked me for coming to visit. I am sure when he arrived in heaven on Tuesday, he was told by the creator, "Well done my good and faithful servant. Your race is completed."*



*Prayers to the family,  
Kerry Saladiner*

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**Kerry** - January 24, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ *Lisa (Hyslope) Kaake lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



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**Lisa (Hyslope) Kaake** - January 24, 2018 at 01:33 PM

BS

“ Met Steve several years ago in the deer woods and became friends. Always looked forward to seeing him each hunting season and telling big stories about the days hunt. Steve always had a pleasant and quite being about him. He will be missed.

Bill Sides - January 24, 2018 at 01:22 PM

DC

“ Danita Walkingstick Cox lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh



Danita Walkingstick Cox - January 24, 2018 at 11:31 AM

Crissy Price

“ Crissy Price lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh



Crissy Price - January 24, 2018 at 11:17 AM

TJ

“ Troy & Lisa Jones lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh



Troy & Lisa Jones - January 24, 2018 at 10:59 AM

JA

“ *Condolences to Steve's family. He will diffently be missed at deer camp.*



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**Jim Armstrong** - January 24, 2018 at 10:38 AM

TR

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**Troy** - January 24, 2018 at 10:10 AM

RH

“ *Rhonda Hansen lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



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**Rhonda Hansen** - January 24, 2018 at 09:56 AM

JR

“ *Jeff And Pam Reganall lit a candle in memory of Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



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**Jeff and Pam Reganall** - January 23, 2018 at 11:28 PM

JA

“ *Jami Anderson lit a candle in memory of  
Stephen Edward Thornbrugh*



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**Jami Anderson** - January 23, 2018 at 07:29 PM