



Rodney Lynn Thomas

October 7, 1975 - January 11, 2025

In Loving Memory of Rodney “Lynn” Thomas

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Rodney “Lynn” Thomas who departed this life on January 11, 2025, at the age of 49. Despite being born with spina bifida on October 7, 1975, Lynn lived a life full of love, compassion, and a dedication to helping others in need. He was known for his love of The Andy Griffith Show, his pride in his blog, walkingwithspinabifida.com, and his unwavering devotion to his Lord and Savior, Jesus. Through his blog, Lynn touched the lives of many, gathering a following from those who loved to read about his adventures, his faith, and updates on his health. He also gave many with disabilities hope as he was transparent about his struggles and triumphs. Lynn's wish is for everyone to know - First and foremost, I am a Christian.

Lynn is survived by his parents, Rodney and Teresa Thomas, and Jim and Pat Foster, his brother, Rob Thomas (Melanie), and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews. Lynn enjoyed being an uncle so much that he was known by the nickname “Uncle Lynn” to many. You didn’t have to be a niece or nephew to call him Uncle Lynn, or to call on him for help. He was always there. His nieces and nephews will forever hold

their memory of him close to their hearts. He is preceded in death by his much-loved brother, Anthony "Tony" Labore Thomas, and his nephew, Carson Nolan Thomas, who loved him dearly.

Visitation will be held from 5 -7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Gardendale Heritage

Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 11 a.m., at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Providence Cemetery, Morris, Alabama. Reverend Steve Abney will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Spina Bifida Association in Lynn's honor.

Cemetery Details

Providence Cemetery

7300 Providence Church Road
Morris, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Anyway be who knew Lynn became family. You couldn't help but love Lynn, from the time I met Lynn throughout his life, he was never bitter or complained about anything being born with spina bifida. He was always positive and full of life! We could all learn many lessons from how Lynn lived life to the fullest! Love you Lynn
♥♥

Grace Farmer - January 17, 2025 at 06:16 PM

CS

“ The Mayberry community, especially those part of The Two Chairs No Waiting podcast, will greatly miss Lynn. He was a kind and caring friend to many and loved sharing his stories with everyone. Most importantly, Lynn knew Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and wasn't ashamed of his faith. I'm a better person for having known Lynn. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Codie Sloan - January 14, 2025 at 04:13 PM

RS

“ I met Lynn at a Mayberry Met Up in Mt Airy, NC years ago. He had been in our chatroom before and was finally able to attend his first meet up with his mom and aunt. It was a great event, except it rained that hot summer evening. I mean RAINED! We all ran to our cars to sit it out. The organizer had it set it up where we could dial into a local radio frequency and listen to the Andy Griffith Show as he showed the video on the outside lawn area. Lynn was a superfan! He sat out there in the rain with his umbrella up, soaked to the bone, but loving every minute of it. I so wish I had a photograph of that, but I don't think anyone thought to make one. I will forever remember his dedication and loyalty to the show by his actions that wet summer night! Lynn was a great guy and will be missed at our events! My deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort for his family.

Rebecca Spears - January 14, 2025 at 03:49 PM

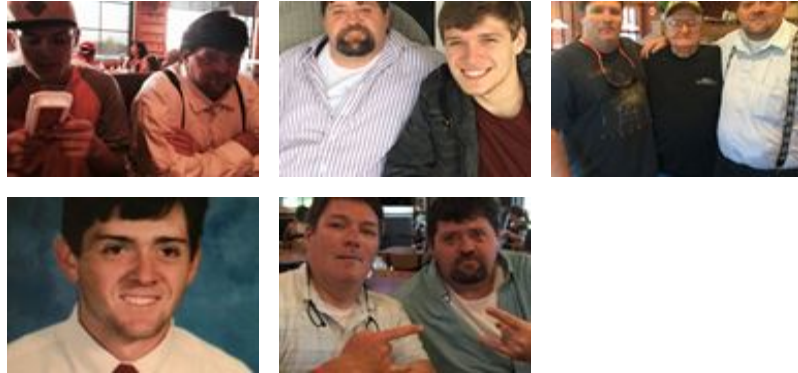
JH

“ My wife, Jane and I were saddened to learn of Lynn's passing. We grieve with and pray for Jim and Pat Foster. Lynn was rarely without a smile, joyful, and always ready and willing to help. Lynn was given a hard row to hoe in life. But he lived with joy, dignity and grace. That ability came from his trust in his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Want to see how a Christian lives, look at Lynn Thomas. Jane and Lynn were Facebook "friends." She would read his posts and update me on what was going on with Lynn. Lynn has already met his Savior. He knows exactly what Jesus Christ looks like. Lynn has passed from life to LIFE. He is not only at peace, he is in peace. Yes, we will mourn, miss Lynn. It will be hard and painful. But we know exactly where he is. He loved us and we love him. Like the songs says, we will see him "soon and very soon". Your friends, Jim and Jane Hicks.

James Hicks - January 14, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ 104 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - January 14, 2025 at 01:52 PM

AF

“ Aunt Ruth & Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Rodney Lynn Thomas.



Aunt Ruth & Family - January 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Lynn Thomas.

January 14, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AL

“ American Castings LLC. purchased the *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* for the family of Rodney Lynn Thomas.



American Castings LLC. - January 14, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Lynn Thomas.



January 13, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Lynn Thomas.

January 13, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ Greg, Michele, Ben and Tiffany Melvin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rodney Lynn Thomas.



Greg, Michele, Ben and Tiffany Melvin - January 13, 2025 at 07:06 PM