



Mr. Matthew Lee Thigpen

June 30, 1980 - December 7, 2023

A celebration of the life of Mr. Matthew Lee Thigpen, 43, of Flint, will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Henderson with Dr. David Higgs officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Matt passed peacefully from this life on December 7, 2023. He was born June 30, 1980, in Temple and was raised in Henderson where he graduated from Henderson High School in 1998. Matt went on to Texas A&M University and graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. While at A&M, he was active in his fraternity Sigma Nu, writing for the university newspaper The Battalion, sports writing for other local newspapers, and coaching football at Brazos Christian Academy. After graduation, he helped establish other Sigma Nu chapters at other universities. He later received his Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law in 2006. Mr. Thigpen was a well-respected and successful attorney and owned his own firm, Thigpen TX Law.

Matt had a real love for life and never met a stranger. He was also a big history buff and was passionate about Aggie football, hunting and shooting sports, and did some trail biking too. He thoroughly enjoyed coaching and mentoring high school football players with Excel Athletics and the Willowbend Rogues. Matt truly loved spending time with family and being at the family farm, however, his greatest joy and hobby was that of simply being Dad. Matt was also a member of Rock Hill Baptist Church. In loving memory of a remarkable man, we celebrate the life of a devoted father, compassionate brother, cherished son, inspirational coach, and accomplished attorney. His legacy of love, guidance, and professional excellence will forever echo in our hearts. His Christian faith carried him through his daily life, and we rejoice that he is now in Heaven.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents D.R. Lee and wife Sandy, Betty Lee, Roger E. and Geneva Sessions, and Lucy Lange, and aunt Dr. Melanie Kaspar.

Survivors include his children, Drake and Olivia Thigpen and their mother Natalie Reed of Bullard, Emersyn and Ellisyn Thigpen and their mother, the love of Matt's life, Courtnee

Thigpen of Flint, Staff Sgt. Ronnie Cox and LaRondrick Cox of Tyler; parents, Renee and Dr. Roger Sessions of Henderson, and Gary Thigpen of Temple; siblings, Katie Smith and husband Lance of Salado, Kelly Stephens and husband Mark of Pearland, Krystin Gresham and husband Grant of Austin, Corey Thigpen of Temple, and Drew Thigpen of Holland, Texas; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and many, many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the foundation that Matt and Courtnee founded, Anderson County Cares, c/o Austin Bank, 2745 TX 256 Loop, Palestine, TX 75803, The Fostering Collective in Tyler at PO Box 133063, Tyler, TX 75713 , or any foster care/adoption charity.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
207 West Main
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 29, 2023 at 02:09 PM

RS

“ *We just heard the news of Matt's homecoming. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Ricki and Shannon Skelton - September 27, 2024 at 12:05 AM

CC

“ *I am the Crown Colony Improvement Association (HOA) manager in Lufkin. I just found out today that Matt had died. I am simply stunned. We talked on the phone in November and he seemed very optimistic about his health; I assumed the worst was behind him. Matt was very knowledgeable and was a great help to our association. We will miss him. My belated thoughts and prayers to his entire family, co-workers and friends.*
Cooper Castleberry

Cooper Castleberry - January 23, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CC

“ *Condolences and my deepest sympathies to the family of Matt Thigpen. I had a chance to actually talk with Matt in early December.. he was a really good person. I didn't have an appointment but since I had caught him on the phone he took a minute to hear me out on what I was calling about. He was on his way to lunch, but scheduled a time for me to call him back and get him some information so he could review and give the best advice as to the situation he could. That says a lot about who he was to his clients and potential clients. He is missed, and his family remains in my prayers. God bless each of you. Cassandra Clark (Corsicana, Texas)*

Cassandra Clark - January 22, 2024 at 02:48 PM

MC

“ *Magan Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Magan Cleveland - December 19, 2023 at 09:27 PM

MG

“ *Mark&Nancy Gibson sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Mark&Nancy Gibson - December 15, 2023 at 10:59 AM

ES

“ *Edwina Starling lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Edwina Starling - December 14, 2023 at 07:47 PM

LM

“ *I can't even imagine the crowd that is going to be at Matt's funeral tomorrow. He was known and loved by everybody. He had a heart gold and was an excellent attorney. My prayers for his beautiful children and his family.*



Lisa Moran - December 13, 2023 at 10:54 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Amy Miley-Payne - December 13, 2023 at 10:47 PM

D(

“ *Rip Matt. My condolences to his family.*



Debra Beaman (Tanner) - December 13, 2023 at 10:39 PM

SB

“ *Sarah Bos lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Sarah Bos - December 13, 2023 at 01:22 PM

PB

“ *Patti Bishop lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Patti Dennis Bishop - December 12, 2023 at 11:40 PM

AP

“ *Gonna miss you buddy gone way to soon*



Angela partin - December 12, 2023 at 04:48 PM

AP

“ *Anna-Marie Porter lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Anna-Marie Porter - December 12, 2023 at 12:15 PM

AP

“ *Mr Matt was a great man, great lawyer, very caring and will be missed by many. Prayers to the family.* ”



Ashley and Nelson Pruitt - December 12, 2023 at 10:52 AM

AD

“ *Matt, there are not enough words for the man he was. I was truly blessed to know him, while only for a few years, he made an everlasting impact not only on me, but the world around him. It is a better place because of him! Big man, big laugh, bigger heart!!* ”

Amanda DeVillier - December 12, 2023 at 09:42 AM

ME

“ *Oh Little Big Non-Bio Brother, how much I'll miss your legal advice. You'll be dearly missed. Working with you was always fun & never a dull moment. The memories of your humor will never go away, especially the one of you building your own chair, just to fall out of it & breaking the wheels. You called Me your work sister since I was always there cheering you on during all your accomplishments & how excited you were to tell Me of the joy you had when your son was born. The joy in your voice when your children were born was such a delight to hear. Watch over your family from Heaven Little Big Brother, you're going to be missed down here. Until it's our turn, see you later Matt.* ”



Ms. Esther Escareño - December 11, 2023 at 11:00 PM

RR

“ *Matt had a heart of gold. He fought hard in what he believed. Gone to soon my friend. Going to miss you mucho.* ”

Rosie Rogers - December 11, 2023 at 08:04 PM

DM

“ *So very sorry to hear of Matt's passing. Many wonderful memories of him as a small child in Temple and our camping trips. Our deepest condolences* ”



Debbie and Triston Mabry - December 11, 2023 at 07:31 PM

HW

“ *Haley Weaver lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Haley Weaver - December 11, 2023 at 07:05 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Linda Gooding - December 11, 2023 at 04:00 PM

SL

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Matt's family. Susa Russo Lingle , and Braxton & Ava Miller*



Susan Lingle - December 11, 2023 at 02:11 PM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Matt was always so special to my family and I. He will be forever missed.*

Sarah Meeks - December 11, 2023 at 12:38 PM

CM

“ *This is terribly sad news. My condolences to his family and especially his kids. His kids were his light and I always admired the dad he was and the coaching and work he did. God will have a special place for him, maybe even on a pirate ship.*

Carrie Montgomery - December 11, 2023 at 10:22 AM

MW

“ *My sincerest condolences to all of Matt's family and friends.*

Mike Whitehead - December 11, 2023 at 07:00 AM

CK

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Matt Thigpen. I will certainly miss this bright attorney in our legal community and East Texas, at large, will miss his active involvement and support for children. May God welcome his soul to Heaven and bless him with an eternal life among God, the Angels, and the Saints.

Judge Cynthia Stevens Kent, retired

Cynthia Kent - December 10, 2023 at 07:56 PM

TF

“ Teress Fields lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen



Teress Fields - December 10, 2023 at 05:33 PM

MM

“ Milton and Sharla McGee extend heart-felt sympathy to Matt's Family.



Milton McGee - December 10, 2023 at 01:48 PM

TF

“ Matt - You are and will continue to be missed by all of us forever. I will always miss your big bear hugs. If you run into Howard (Britain) in Heaven, remind him how much you loved his desk and credenza. He always wanted you to have them. You Matt, did good and loving work for those less fortunate and always treated everyone with compassion, love, and respect. I'm sure our Father has rewarded you with a beautiful jewel in your crown. Matt - I will see you when I see you buddy. --- Twyla



Twyla Fields - December 10, 2023 at 09:05 AM

AM

“ Anne McCrady lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen



Anne L. McCrady - December 10, 2023 at 07:34 AM

MG

“ I remember when he was with me and my brother when we were little at a park. Very supportive and motivating...



Michael Gochnauer - December 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Matt when he moved to Henderson. We both had June birthdays and mom's with the same first name... lots of fun younger-year memories. Our hearts are heavy for everyone. My family is praying - Rikki Sisk Welch



Jr. Welch - December 09, 2023 at 09:40 PM

AG

“ Abbie Guzman lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen



Abbie Guzman - December 09, 2023 at 08:58 PM

JC

“ Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen



Jan Crow - December 09, 2023 at 08:35 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Linda Gooding - December 09, 2023 at 07:45 PM

CR

“ *Cindy Rush lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Cindy Rush - December 09, 2023 at 06:43 PM

LS

“ *Leslie Fred Spell lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Leslie & Fred Spell - December 09, 2023 at 05:07 PM

KH

“ *Kimberly Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Kimberly Hendrix - December 09, 2023 at 03:35 PM

CW

“ *I am so sorry to read this. Praying that God will send his angels to wrap the family in comfort and peace.*

Cyndi Walker - December 09, 2023 at 01:26 PM

GH

“ *Geoffrey Holman lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Geoffrey Holman - December 09, 2023 at 01:06 PM

RT

“ *richard tandy lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



richard tandy - December 09, 2023 at 09:26 AM

VI

“ *Virginia Irwin lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Virginia Irwin - December 09, 2023 at 09:14 AM

DK

“ *I will miss all the shenanigans and joking. I will miss him forever.*

Derek Kastning - December 08, 2023 at 11:21 PM

CA

“ *He was my daughter and son-in-love's neighbor for years. They were great friends and Matt helped them move me and would tell me he put his back out moving me. You never knew when he was funnin' but one thing for sure-always there to help. Heaven gained a terrific young man. He looked out for people that is for sure.*

Connie Allen - December 08, 2023 at 10:08 PM

HJ

“ I met Mr. Thigpen while caring for his daughter, Emersyn, in the NICU. He was very courageous, but also gentle and kind. He was a different type of “NICU Dad” in that he was so hands on with his baby girl. He wasn’t scared to help care for her or ask questions or advocate for his wife to rest or eat. He also wasn’t scared to joke around with the staff which was always welcome. I could tell he was a true leader in his family and cared for them so well.
Seeing the news of his passing truly knocked the breath out of me. What a good man gone incredibly too soon. I pray for comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding for his family and friends.

Hope Justice - December 08, 2023 at 08:46 PM

TC

“ Tony Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - December 08, 2023 at 08:13 PM

AW

“ Amanda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen



Amanda Wilson - December 08, 2023 at 06:47 PM

BG

“ Praying for peace, comfort and understanding
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - December 08, 2023 at 06:30 PM

JB

“ *Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Jane Brightwell - December 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM

WP

“ *Such a great guy, we are just heart broken for his family! Always a smile on his face!*



Wendell and Anne Pool - December 08, 2023 at 06:05 PM

KH

“ *Kristen Hinton lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Kristen Hinton - December 08, 2023 at 03:27 PM

CF

“ *Cliff Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee Thigpen*



Cliff and Krista Furtick - December 08, 2023 at 03:19 PM

KM

“ *My heart is broken. You were a very good friend to me throughout the years. We'll all miss you Matt.*
Kelly Gunz Marshall

Kelly Gunz Marshall - December 08, 2023 at 03:17 PM