

Joshua “Josh” Keith Tharpe



April 8, 1979 ~ March 7, 2022

It is with sadness and a broken heart that I sit here; never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I would be writing this obituary for my son.

Josh was one of a kind, if you ever met him, you would never forget him! You would instantly fall in love with him. By no means was he perfect, but he was perfect for me! God knew this when he brought Josh into my world and became part of me on April 8, 1979.

Josh was many things to many people, loyal, kind, funny, supportive and if you ever needed him, he had your back 100% no matter what the consequences.

I sit here trying to figure out who his pallbearers were going to be. I kept adding names and adding names, finally I came to the conclusion I can't list everyone: because all of you were considered his Best Friends. He genuinely loved everyone!

Love Mom, your “REAL” best friend

Josh was born on April 8, 1979, age of forty-two. He was born in Jackson, MS to Sadie K. Chutz and Brian K. Tharpe. When he was four months old, they moved to Denham Springs where he would spend his remaining days.

He attended Denham Springs High School and later went on to Mississippi Delta on a basketball scholarship. When he left college, he joined the U.S. Army and served two years.

Josh accomplished many achievements in his life, but his greatest achievement

was being the best son, brother, uncle and friend anyone could ask for.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather: Sadie King Chutz and Clay Chutz, his brothers Billy Tharpe and wife Jenifer, and Chris Tharpe and fiancé Kristina Schubert, nieces; Taylor, Tori, Tinsley, Gracie, Haylee and Presly Tharpe; sister Corley Chutz and fiancé Tanner McDaniel and uncle/ grandfather, retired U.S. Army Colonel Loring Tharpe.

He was preceded in death by his father Brian K. Tharpe, maternal grandparents Frank and Grace King and paternal grandparents Percy and Judy Huggins.

Visitation will be held at Live Oak United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 10, 2022 beginning at 5:00pm. Dr. Mark Crosby will conduct funeral services at 8:00pm. A graveside service will be held at Beech Ridge Cemetery on Friday, March 11, 2022 at 11:00am. Pallbearers will be; Nick Harris, Dante Landry, Tony Jarreau, Mike Dougay, Ryan "Daddy" Scott Richards, Jared Bencaz, Cliff Almand, Blake Sequin, Brennon Vinet, Clem Sasso, James Horne, David Chambers, and Sage Brignac.

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

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