



Craig William Thurmond

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Craig William Thurmond, 71, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, has passed away at his home on August 7, 2025.

Born on March 11, 1954, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Craig lived a life dedicated to faith, service, community, and family. Whether serving his country in the Marine Corps, helping to develop the city of Broken Arrow into a thriving community, or supporting his family in all of their endeavors, Craig's quiet kindness and steadfast dedication to others shined through.

Craig's life was that of fostering community and love. He spent four years in the Marine Corps serving our country and would later go on to become an integral part in home development helping to create communities for families to thrive. Known for his constant leadership, unwavering integrity, and servant's heart, Craig spent decades sitting on the Broken Arrow City Council and when needed stepped into the role of mayor. Always with the well-being of his constituents in mind, Craig diligently served his community through periods of growth and progress building Broken Arrow into the beautiful, safe city that it is today.

Craig's commitment to the service of others extended beyond city hall as he was actively involved in numerous civic boards, charitable initiatives, and community projects. He played an active role in the lives of his loved ones, always eager to help them in any way that he could. Whether leading a council meeting, lending a hand at a local event, or guiding a family member through the intricacies of life, Craig's dedication to helping others was evident in all that he did.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sandy Thurmond; his son, Gary Thurmond and his family; and his stepchildren, Scott, John, Mark, Aaron, Aleigh, and Adam. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Thurmond; his nephew, Jeremy Rush; and many extended family members, dear friends, and colleagues who will carry his memory forward.

Craig will be remembered not only for his leadership but also for his warmth, generosity, and ability to connect with people from all walks of life. His legacy will live on in the community he helped shape and the countless lives he touched.



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Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and celebrate the life of a remarkable man at LifeChurch Broken Arrow on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 10 AM.



Events


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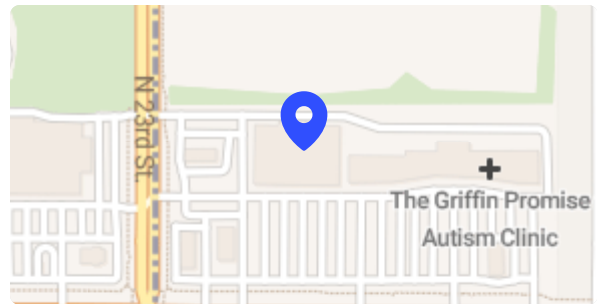
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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, August 13, 2025

 10:00 AM CT

 **LifeChurch**
2420 E Kenosha, Broken Arrow OK 74014





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KF

Karissa Fischer lit a candle in honor of Craig.

I was so sorry to hear of Craig's passing. During my time at the City, he was always kind, thoughtful, and a true pleasure to work with. Craig was a visionary - deeply committed to the future of Broken Arrow and always striving to make it better. My deepest condolences to his family and to the entire community.

August 15 at 3:55 PM



JH

Jennifer Hendrickson shared a photo to the **Craig and his cousins through the years** album.

August 14 at 8:47 AM



MM

Markwayne And Christie Mullin sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Thurmond family.

August 13 at 12:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Thurmond family.

August 13 at 7:55 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Craig.

August 13 at 7:55 AM



CC

Carol Cox shared a photo to the **Craig and his cousins through the years** album.

August 13 at 1:05 AM





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Carol Cox shared a photo to the **Craig and his cousins through the years** album.



August 13 at 1:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Thurmond family.



August 12 at 2:45 PM



Oklahoma Municipal League sent a Tender Tribute to the Thurmond family.



August 12 at 1:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Thurmond family.



August 12 at 11:23 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Craig.



August 12 at 11:23 AM



Steve & Deeanna Brown, Tina Mullenix sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Thurmond family.



August 12 at 10:21 AM



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Gary Anderson shared an album called **Craig and his cousins through the years.**



August 11 at 8:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thurmond family.



August 11 at 10:34 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Craig.



August 11 at 10:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Thurmond family.



August 11 at 9:52 AM



Carol (Anderson) Cox & Brandy Burkett sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thurmond family.



August 11 at 8:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Thurmond family.



August 11 at 8:35 AM



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Keith Hendrickson posted:

Craig and I were 'twin cousins'. We were both born at Hillcrest hospital on the same day. My father and his mother were sisters. We grew up together and many years we lived only 4 blocks apart in Tulsa and had many adventures, good and bad, growing up. We spent quite a bit of time together growing up. Just a few weeks ago, I sent Craig a YouTube video of a fireworks accident captured on digital media. Around our 8-10 year birthday, we had an almost identical episode where the families were at Craig's house and his dad was trying to make Craig hold on to a lit roman candle. Craig wanted nothing to do with it and as he spun around and around the candle shot off into the garage where a huge box of fireworks were sitting. I can still see my Dad and all the parents bailing out of their lawn chairs in the driveway as fireworks began shooting everywhere. As we grew older, we both had motorcycles that we rode together on the unfinished I-244 that ran just a few blocks from my house - until I was involved in a car/motorcycle accident in 9th grade -- that put me in the hospital and no more motorcycle for me. We both ended up at Will Rogers HS even though Craig had moved a few times after his mother passed away. Craig and I both chose to head to the military after our graduation in '72. Craig went to the Marines on a delayed enlistment and I wanted to join the Army. My dad, a combat wounded WWII veteran convinced me I should at least give college a semester and then if it wasn't for me, he would support my joining the Army. My one year turned into 4 years with a degree and a commission in the USAF. Craig and I rarely saw each other after that as I was mostly never in Oklahoma or even in the U.S. Craig completed his hitch in the Marines and then built a life, a company and became Mayor of Broken Arrow. Both of my parents had passed many years before and, of course, work and life take over and we never saw each other until I managed to attend the WRHS 25 year class reunion in Tulsa. That may have been the last time we saw each other. Of course, I'm so very proud of what Craig accomplished in his life and also sad that our paths took us in different directions. I'll only ever have one 'twin cousin' and he will be dearly missed. Keith Hendrickson

August 11 at 8:14 AM



Jennifer Hendrickson shared a photo to the **Craig and his cousins through the years** album.

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Gary Anderson shared 4 photos to the **Craig and his cousins through the years** album.

August 11 at 11:51 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Craig by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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