



## Corey Devin Thomas

November 26, 1977 - September 26, 2024

### COREY DEVIN THOMAS, AGE 46

And a resident of the Dexter, Mississippi Community passed away Thursday morning September 26, 2024 at his home surrounded by his loving family, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was a graduate of Columbia Academy, Class of 1996, where he played for the Cougars football team and won a State Championship his senior year with the Cougars baseball team. Corey worked off-shore as a crane operator for Ensco for a few years then began a long career with CN Railroad. During his 19 years of service, Corey worked as a crane operator with the bridge department and more recently served with the track and rail crew, among the many duties he performed through the years. Corey loved his work and especially the countless co-workers he served with across the country, including those in his current territory from Jackson, MS to Mobile, AL.

Corey's love of sports lasted his whole life. He was an avid Ole Miss fan and played Men's softball for many years with his buddies on the White Lightning and Turtle Heads teams. He also coached youth league baseball for a time. Corey earned the nickname "Chicken Man" during high school and it followed him the rest of his life, certainly on the railroads, ball fields and every hunting and fishing trip. He went on many successful deer and duck hunting trips in Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa and other areas. Corey also enjoyed fishing along the

Pearl River, including a recent special time with his father and son that created lasting memories. He enjoyed working outdoors on his property taking care of his cows and chickens, tending his flower gardens and even the new hobby of bee-keeping. Corey accepted the Lord as his Savior as a young man at Carson Springs Baptist Church and attended New Stateline Missionary Baptist Church. He always kept Christ first in his life decisions. Corey adored his wife and children and cherished every moment they spent together. He will be forever missed by all that knew him.

He is survived by:

Wife: Heather Holmes Thomas of Dexter

Children: Hunter Devin Thomas,  
Ana Cathryn Thomas

Parents: Kelvin Thomas and Mary Copeland Thomas of Sandy Hook, MS

Brother: Christopher Heath Thomas

Grandmothers: Leadette Thomas,  
Eula Mae Copeland

Mother in law: Sonja and Nick Nichols

Father in law: Ray Baham

Grandparents in law: Lloyd and Waver Ball

Sister in law: Hollie and Cody Clement

Nieces and Nephews: Ronna, Ramona, Rayna, Cole, Chasen Cash

Also 3 great-nieces, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends

He was preceded in death by grandfathers Dannie Thomas, Johnnie R. Copeland, grandparents in law Cecil and Lillian Ball and other extended family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton) on Saturday October 5th from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Visitation will continue Sunday at Carson Springs Baptist Church (10 Thad Road, Sandy Hook, MS) from 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the church at 2:00 pm Sunday with Eld. Darren Uzell and Eld. Duane Ball officiating. A eulogy will be provided by good friend Corey McCain with special music presented by The Lawrence Creek Boys. In keeping with Corey's unwavering fandom for the Ole Miss Rebels, all those attending the services on Sunday are asked to wear Red or Blue.

Pallbearers: Hunter Thomas, Shane Ball, Trent Ball, Ryan Speights, Jake Boyd, Dabo Granger

Honorary Pallbearers: Jace Ball, Brad Oestriecher, Thad Thomas and his many friends and co-workers at CN Railroad

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.*



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October 05, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *Linda F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Corey Devin Thomas.*

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**Linda F.** - October 05, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *Franklinton Bombers 10U Softball Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Corey Devin Thomas.*

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**Franklinton Bombers 10U Softball Team** - October 05, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Brice and Frank Mondello purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.*



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**Brice and Frank Mondello** - October 04, 2024 at 07:05 PM

MW

“ *Morris and Rori Watts purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.*



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**Morris and Rori Watts** - October 03, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MW

“ *Morris & Rori Watts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Corey Devin Thomas.*

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**Morris & Rori Watts** - October 03, 2024 at 01:01 PM

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“ *Bowling Green Class of 2023 purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.*



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**Bowling Green Class of 2023** - October 02, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.*



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October 02, 2024 at 08:34 AM

RS

“ Russell S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Corey Devin Thomas.

Russell S. - October 01, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.



October 01, 2024 at 01:18 PM

PS

“ Corey was always the sweetest man to work with and loved his family dearly as he would share. He will be truly missed. Pennie Sasser, CN

Pennie Sasser - September 30, 2024 at 11:30 AM

TT

“ Tina Jones Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Corey Devin Thomas



Tina Jones Thornhill - September 30, 2024 at 11:06 AM

TG

“ *The Gilpins purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.*



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**The Gilpins** - September 29, 2024 at 01:19 PM

AD

“ *Alan & Tammie Downing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Corey Devin Thomas.*

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**Alan & Tammie Downing** - September 28, 2024 at 07:26 PM

AD

“ *Alan & Tammie Downing purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Corey Devin Thomas.*



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**Alan & Tammie Downing** - September 28, 2024 at 07:26 PM