



John Kevin Thomas

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Born in Salt Lake City, Utah January 15, 1957.

Kevin passed away peacefully in his sleep November 4, 2022 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He is survived by his son, four grandchildren, mother, two sisters, one brother, two nieces and two nephews.

Kevin gladly followed in his father's footsteps and sold cars for a living. After his car career ended he learned to drive 18 wheelers. Kevin loved traveling all across America carrying precious cargo on the open highways. He enjoyed his driving experiences right up to his chosen retirement just 18 months ago.

Kevin loved his family & his dog Scooby more than anything. He enjoyed boating, camping, collecting and restoring old cars. He loved music and listening to talk radio. He was known to be an excellent chef. He treasured growing tomatoes in his garden. Kevin's ashes will be scattered in the Spring of 2023 at Snowbird Ski Resort.



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Margary Porter shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Kevin, you will always remain in my heart and be my hero. I have many fond memories of you as a young boy playing baseball and football. You were an excellent athlete and excelled in all that you put your mind to doing. I loved watching you grow into the handsome man, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend of many. You always had a way of seeing the Brightside to life. You had an easygoing personality and an infectious smile. You never ended a conversation with me without saying, "I Love You, Mom." You loved selling cars with your father, John Thomas. You both were very good at it and made a great living. You will always be my hero. I was so proud to watch you excel in sports at a very young age. You played All-Star Baseball and were their superstar pitcher. You also played football and were very competitive. I loved watching you grow into a handsome man, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. One of my favorite traditions that you & I enjoyed was me bringing you lunch to the car lot, 3345 Cars, next to Gino's on State Street. On Sunday early morning, on my way to work at Sears Roebuck & Company, I would bring you a crockpot roast beef dinner with all the fixings ready to plug in and cook all day to feed you and the kids. I could go on and on about what a wonderful son you were and how very proud I am of the caring and loving man you became. You loved your family more than anything. Love you forever and always, Mom - Midge Thomas Porter

December 17 at 3:03 PM



Lisa M Ferrell December 18 at 8:21 AM

Mom, You did a great job sharing special memories of you and Kev.



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IA

Ida Udy Anderson posted:

Although I had not seen Kevin for quite some time, I can still see his beautiful smile. He was always so fun to be around. I am so grateful Lisa came into my life 40 years ago and I was introduced to her beautiful family! I loved all the family lunches I was invited to where we shared so many memories. Kevin, you will be missed, but we will keep your memory alive.

December 7 at 6:21 PM

CH

Cheryl Heath January 28 at 6:17 AM

Sweet Kevin, I've tried to call you to get together for lunch several times. I felt something was wrong when you didn't respond to my messages. I called your sister, Leslie and found out you aren't with us any longer. I always loved lunches and boating with you and your dad. It was always a fun adventure and interesting to see what kind of car you were driving on each occasion. Perhaps, you two are riding the clouds now instead of the water. Rest in peace cute guy. You will forever be banked in my memories. Warmly, Cheryl Heath

CC

Claire Curtis October 14 at 9:58 AM

I knew Kevin from South high school. He had a silver corvette back then. I moved to the UK in 1973. Since fb and Internet I have been trying to find him. Unfortunately I have been to late. So sorry old freind.

LF

Lisa M Ferrell December 11 at 3:12 PM

Ida, Thank you for sharing your cherished memories of Kevin with us. He was a one of a kind, caring and giving man that would do anything to make your life better. His character was infectious and so was his smile. Much love and respect, Lisa

AJ

Aja posted:

Uncle Kevin-I'm so sad you're gone, but know your in a better place. I am hoping you've been reunited with your beautiful baby girls. A common theme when I look back of memories with you, was that you were always happy. You were always bringing the fun and making sure all were having a good time. You had this coy voice whenever you had to be firm and you always sounded so sweet. My favorite memories were hoping in your RV and going on adventures; camping, Lagoon, Bear Lake, etc. I loved going to your house and playing with Paige and Lundon. My favorite memory was when you guys stayed with us in Las Vegas and we had a special father/daughter date night to the Rio VooDoo lounge followed by going to the NSYNC concert. You were so fun, full of life, ready for anything and we're so patient with all us kids. You will be missed down here, but I know and trust you are where you're meant to be. Thank you for the memories! Love you!

December 6 at 11:27 AM



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Alex Bybee shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I will always remember my Uncle Kevin with a smile. As someone who was warm and who was always excited to see you. When we were kids, I was very close with his daughter, my cousin, Ludson. During my childhood, when I would stay in Salt Lake, we would have epic all-nighters where we'd play Mario Cart and hang out in her room. Uncle Kev was always glad to have me over and always made me feel at home. He loved his dogs and I remember when they got a Cocker Spaniel named Callie. We spent Christmas together that year at Grandma Midge's with the new pup bringing us all joy. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that wonderful trip that we all took together as a family to Mexico. Kevin lit up a room and brought so much fun to our adventures there. He was a tender, kind, and loving man. I will miss him.

December 5 at 8:19 AM



Lisa M Ferrell December 5 at 12:03 PM

Alex, Thank you for sharing your heartfelt memories of Uncle Kevin. I agree with you. He always had a smile and knew how to leave you feeling great.



Lisa M Ferrell lit a candle in honor of John.

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December 5 at 6:00 AM



Leslie Parker posted:

Missing, your smile, your voice, your sense of humor, your charm, your wit, your way making everything better, mostly just missing you broski. Until we meet again, I'm holding you tightly in my heart.

November 30 at 4:37 PM



Lisa M Ferrell December 5 at 12:03 PM

Thank you for sharing your sentiments sis. I love you.



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GW

Glenn Willey posted:

I will always remember Kevin as a friend – a true friend. He was always there for me, through thick and thin. No questions asked. My friendship with Kevin lasted over 40 years – quite an accomplishment for me, a Military kid, who moved so many times that most friendships were short lived. The first time I saw Kevin Thomas was in 1977. I was driving along State Street and saw a beautiful, white, 280Z, with all the options, drive past me. Like a dog after a bone, I followed the car and pulled up beside it. I complimented the driver, Kevin, who gave me generous tour of the 280Z. A few minutes later, a handsome guy pulled up in a yellow 450SL with sheep skin covered seats. That was John Thomas, Kevin's dad. Kevin and John gave me the royal treatment and introduced me to their used car business. Before you know it, I was the proud owner of a metallic gray '74 280Z and partnered with Kevin for a while, buying and selling cars. We would drive for hours in search of used cars that needed some TLC; cars we could repair and spruce up for sale at a good profit. The hours on the road passed in great conversation, joking around, and comfortable silences –we bonded. Eventually I met the whole family. Within a couple of years, I married Kevin's little sister, Lisa. The marriage did not last. The friendship did. I moved away. We stayed in touch and started a Christmas tradition. For the past 30 some years Kevin and I always spoke on the phone at Christmas time, and we always sang a duet of the song, "I'll Be Home For Christmas." It became our tradition. For those of you too young to know the song, it became popular during World War II when soldiers far from home yearned to be with their friends and family. Sentimental, yes. Yet somehow meaningful to two hard-headed, car loving, crazy guys who, over the years, saw each other through many joys and hardships. In recent years I would sometimes get a call from Porsha or Aja, my daughters, asking me to give Uncle Kevin a call because he was going through a difficult time. No matter the trouble, no matter how much time has passed since we last spoke, there was an instant connection between us as if no time had passed at all. Kevin. I treasure our friendship and will always remember you with love in my heart. For the first time in over 30 years, we will not share our duet on the telephone. I will miss that, yet I know that you will have arrived at Home in time for Christmas and that I will always have that memory. Rest in Peace, my friend. Glenn Willey

November 22 at 3:32 PM

LF

Lisa Ferrell November 28 at 11:16 AM

What a beautiful tribute. Thank you for sharing your Kevin memories with our family. We're grateful.



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LF

Lisa Ferrell posted:

THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE IS FROM OUR COUSIN JILL PATTON:I feel so lucky to have known my wonderful cousin, Kevin Thomas. The entire family has a special "joie de vivre." Kevin permeated our childhood with a twinkle in his eyes putting joyful magic into our Hearts!He was the "Cool Guy" everyone wanted to be him or date him. He could sell ice cream to the Eskimos with his Integris easy manner, just like his Dad did. Kevin gave everyone a sense of inclusion and warmth.His handsome good looks and charisma were not wasted, he excelled at all he touched. Our family song reminds me of him," Those Were the Days My Friend" we thought they'd never end we'd sing and dance forever and a day. Dearest cousin Kevin, you are adored and remembered forever and a day! Sending prayers and love to his beautiful mother Midge, sisters Lisa and Leslie and the rest of the Family.Love You Always, Jill

November 27 at 5:46 AM

KV

Kristi Versteeg posted:

Oh no! I'm so sorry Lisa, and Leslie and your dear mom Midge. Kevin was always super nice to me and he just had a way about him even though I haven't seen him since my teens. I do remember the love he showed for you when we were in his company. Such a loss for you all. ❤️ I hope you feel me holding all of you at this time. Love you

November 25 at 8:44 PM

LF

Lisa M Ferrell November 28 at 11:14 AM

Thank you for your heartfelt condolences. Kevin will be missed greatly. Much Love, Lisa



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KP

Kimberlee Pearson posted:

Kevin was not only my cousin, he was the big brother I never had. I was always so proud of Kevin, as a young girl I would wait for the school bus, however, no school bus for this girl. Kev would pull up in his Corvette, say, "Come on Kiddo, let's get you to school. The looks I got from my classmates as we pulled up to my junior high school was every teenage girls dream. Kevin was so handsome. I got questioned over and over about who the cute guy driving the corvette was. I'll admit it was always a bit disappointing when I had to come clean, shrug my shoulders and pronounce, "Oh Kevin", giggling nervously...He's just my cousin, who happened to be quite the ladies man, even though he was just a teenager himself. I could write a book about the great times Kevin and I had together. Those memories will help carry me through this incredibly difficult time. Just like Kevin watching out for me as a young girl, I know he will be watching over those of us left behind, only to be reunited one day. What a homecoming that will be, until then, we will all continue to love Kevin and miss him more than any words can convey. Fly free with the Angels Kevin, I'm sure it's a beautiful view.

November 24 at 3:41 AM

LF

Lisa Ferrell November 25 at 10:19 AM

Kim, Thank you so much for taking the time to write one of your favorite memories with Kevin. I never knew you thought of Kev as a big brother. This memory warms my heart. I love you.

LF

Lisa Ferrell lit a candle in honor of John.

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November 23 at 12:51 PM



LF

Lisa Ferrell posted:

It is with great sadness that we share the news of our brother, John Kevin Thomas passing. He was an amazing man, with a huge ❤️ and a contagious smile. Please celebrate his best memories as his legacy lives on. He taught me and others many things in life. How to cook the best steak ever, how to make paper airplanes and how to have fun. He will be missed dearly.

November 23 at 12:48 PM



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TJ

Trenton Judson posted:

I loved Kevin. He had such a great sense of humor and he always treated me like family. He was a person who I looked for at family parties because I knew I would want to talk to him. I'll never forget the amazing week we had with him boating at Lake Powell and all the things I learned from knowing him. My prayers and thoughts are with you, Lisa, and your family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

November 23 at 12:47 PM

LF

Lisa Ferrell November 26 at 5:22 AM

Trent, thank you for sharing one of your best memories about my brother Kevin. This warms my heart and brings back some wonderful times spent together that I will cherish.

JF

Jesse Ferrell posted:

although I had four other brothers before I met, Kevin Thomas, he was clearly my brother from another mother! Kevin & I hit it off right away we shared athletics and common interests that kept us connected. I always appreciated and enjoyed giving Kevin and his kids my very best! He will be thought of and missed throughout the rest of my life! I'm Sending Kevin much love and light and a heavenly Way.

November 22 at 6:51 PM

LF

Lisa Ferrell November 30 at 4:47 AM

Yes, they sure did. Now they are reunited in paradise with Lundon & Paige and other loved ones that have crossed over. Thank you for sharing.

JT

Jon Thomas November 26 at 3:29 AM

Kevin and Dad had a bond like no other. Kevin was a great father and friend to all. He will be greatly missed.

LF

Lisa Ferrell November 23 at 12:50 PM

Thank you for sharing your memories of Kevin with us.



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Kimberly Pellum posted:

I loved Kevin and only remember him always being so kind! He was very soft spoken and always had a smile I know he is in heaven with three of his favorite people, his girls and dad! I feel so bad for Midge, Lezlie, and Lisa, and Jon. I can't imagine how hard this has been for all of you. There are so many great memories and much love to all of you at this sad time.

November 22 at 3:32 PM



Lisa Ferrell November 26 at 5:25 AM

Kim, These memories are priceless. Kevin took so much pride in his 1967 silver Corvette. He loved you very much. Thanks for sharing. I love you.



Kimberlee Pearson November 24 at 11:55 AM

I have no words that would do my cousin Kevin justice. He was the big brother I never had. His passing leaves a huge hole in my heart. You're free to fly with the angels my sweet cousin. May God wrap you in his loving grace. Sending love and light to Lisa Bybee Ferrell, Leslie Thomas Parker and Midge Thomas Porter. I love you all ❤️ Kimberlee Grant-Pearson



Lisa Ferrell November 23 at 12:50 PM

Kim, Thank you for your heartfelt condolences. We are heartbroken. Let's keep the positive memories alive as well celebrate him.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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