



Bion Lee Thompson

November 18, 1945 - June 10, 2023

Bion Lee Thompson, age 77, of Albia, IA, passed away on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at home, under the care of Kathy Thompson and Care Initiatives Hospice.

Bion was born on November 18, 1945, in Ottumwa, IA, to George and Helen (Lukens) Thompson. He graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1963. Following high school, Bion served his country in the United States Air Force from 1963-1967, where he was military police and later stationed at Vietnam. In 1965, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann “Molly” Gilbert in Ohio and they later divorced. In 1985, he was united in marriage to Kathy Johnson in Reno, Nevada.

Upon returning home from the service, Bion worked as a maintenance mechanic for many years. He started work at Monroe Plastics before going to work at Chamberlains, both in Albia. He then worked at Montezuma Manufacturing before returning to Albia and working at Oakwood Specialty Care. He also helped his dad on the family farm. Bion enjoyed being outdoors, camping, racing and going to demolition derbies. He also enjoyed going to the casinos to play the slot machines and enjoyed watching his grandchildren’s sporting events. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes football and Minnesota Vikings fan.

Bion is survived by his ex-wife, longtime friend and caregiver, Kathy Thompson of Albia; 6 children, Robbie (Leslie) Thompson and Tammy Jacobs of Jessup, GA, Bion Thompson Jr. of Norwalk, IA, Alicia Johnson of Fairfield, IA, Chrissy (Chad) Stringfellow of Palm Harbor, FL, and Susan Krahenbuhl of Ankeny, IA; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Darrell (Kathy) Thompson of Hedrick, IA, and Benji (Betty) Thompson of Avery, IA; and a half-sister, Glenda (Steve) Farrier of Atlantic, IA. Bion is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen Thompson; 2 brothers, Gary VanNess and Bruce Thompson; and a sister, Glynes McElroy.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bion's family present to greet family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Dustin Sample officiating. Military Honors will follow provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ *My thoughts are with the entire family today. A sad day indeed. Remember all the good things y'all shared with Bion.* ”

Deborah Turnbull - June 15, 2023 at 06:33 PM

CB

“ *Rest in peace Bion thoughts and prayers for all the family* ”



Cindy Baker - June 13, 2023 at 12:25 AM

BB

“ *Rest in peace* ”



Brice Cindy Baker - June 13, 2023 at 12:20 AM

DT

“ *Deborah Turnbull sent a virtual gift in memory of Bion Lee Thompson* ”



Deborah Turnbull - June 12, 2023 at 07:14 PM

DT

“ *My thoughts are mostly with my son Bion and then the family. I would like to share my appreciation to Kathy for taking care of Bion's dad.*

Deborah Turnbull - June 12, 2023 at 05:07 PM

DT

“ *Hello Benji, Betty, Darrell and Kathy my sadden thoughts are with all of you.*

Deborah Turnbull - June 12, 2023 at 03:26 PM

BO

“ *My deepest condolences for Bion and rest of family. Fond memories from visits with Tom when he brought Bion to visit in summers. Rest in peace!*

Bobbie - June 12, 2023 at 10:56 AM

BO

“ *Bobbie sent a virtual gift in memory of Bion Lee Thompson*



Bobbie - June 12, 2023 at 10:54 AM

BO

“ *Bobbie lit a candle in memory of Bion Lee Thompson*



Bobbie - June 12, 2023 at 10:50 AM

BO

Rest in Heaven Bio-Father

Bobbie - June 12, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Bion Lee Thompson.*



June 11, 2023 at 08:38 PM

JE

“ *I will remember your quiet smile, your soft spoken voice, and your love of football. Bion Jr, Alicia, Chrissy, Susan- I'm thinking of you. Kathy, you are a special person to care for him 24/7. May peace find all of you, and the rest of the family.*

Jeannie - June 11, 2023 at 08:14 PM

BO

My deepest condolences for Bion and rest of family. Fond memories from visits when brought Bion to Ohio in summertime,! Rest in peace,!

Bobbie - June 12, 2023 at 10:47 AM

VS

“ *Bion was such a kind man! Always enjoyed being around him and visiting. He will be truly missed! Keeping all the family in my thoughts and prayers!*

Valerie Selby Small - June 11, 2023 at 08:10 PM