



Jacob Michael Thomas

September 25, 1998 - July 29, 2025

Jacob Michael Thomas, 26 of Bluffton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at his residence.

Jacob was born on September 25, 1998, in Bluffton to Michael Troy & Kerry L. (Kinzie) Thomas. When Jacob came home from the hospital at 41 days old, he was lovingly raised and cared for by his Nana, Brenda S. Thomas of Bluffton.

He attended Pre-School at Ossian Elementary School and furthered his education with Bluffton-Harrison Schools. With the loving help and support of his teacher Mary Fogwell, Jacob graduated from Bluffton High School.

Jacob loved Winnie-the-Pooh. His favorite place was the Hundred Acre Woods, the fictional woodland setting for the Winnie-the-Pooh stories. It is here that Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, Rabbit, Owl, Kanga, Roo, and Christopher Robin live and have their adventures, and they surrounded Jacob in his room.

He loved reading the books and watching the movies repeatedly, for it was in this place that he was truly free! Jacob will be fondly remembered for his sweet and caring spirit, which allowed him to touch many lives. He made such a special impact on the lives of the staff and doctors at Riley Children's Hospital, Dr. Washington O. Sumabat, MD, and longtime nurses and friends Rowena Morgan, Kelly Ybarra and Tara Bishop.

Jacob and Nana visited Disney World five times, and he was able to meet his favorite characters and ride the rides, just like all the other kids! He loved

watching CARS and at Christmas time, his favorite character was always the Grinch.

He is survived by his Nana, Brenda S. Thomas of Bluffton, a brother, Matthew (Shauna) Nelson Thomas of Springfield, IL., and two nephews, Vincent & Caydon Thomas, and grandparents; Vicki Kinzie of Bluffton, Dick & Linda Thomas of Hartford City, along with many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Jacob is preceded in death by his mother, Kerry L. (Kinzie) Thomas and his father, Michael Troy Thomas, grandfather, Harold Kinzie, along with great-grandparents; Loren & Virginia Thomas and Sam & Lola Rhodes, and his adopted-grandma, Myra Henry.

Visitation will be held from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Friday, (August 8, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A service to celebrate Jacob's life will take place at 3 P.M. on Saturday, (Aug. 9, 2025) at the funeral home with Rev. R.C. Muhlbaier officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton, Indiana.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send condolences online to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jacob Michael Thomas*



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I never got a chance to meet Jacob personally. But through his outstanding Grandmother Brenda I feel that I came to know: and admire, a young man who taught by his example, that any obstacle any problem any life lesson can be overcome cheerfully and with love. These qualities indeed Jacob possessed naturally, and they were gifts which he gave away freely to others. These characteristics are as rare as the Hope diamond. But Jacob is a rare soul indeed before he became my hero in this world and I believe a guiding light in the next too. I can't wait to greet him one day. charles mccullough Houston Texas

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“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jacob Michael Thomas.*



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