



Thomas Craig Russell

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Thomas Craig Russell was born May 19, 1968 in Longview, Texas and passed away from this life on October 8, 2016, at 48 years of age. He is survived by his children Jake and Claire Russell (both his pride and joy), his mother Sandra Bozell and father Randy Russell, his brother Keith Russell, and sisters Cindy Hon, Lisa Tesemer and Jodi Longino. He is also survived by his especially close uncles David and Randy Funderburk, and other loved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a very special friend Sharlis Ramm. He is preceded in death by his stepdad, Ron Bozell. Craig graduated from Pine Tree High School in 1986 where he was standout athlete, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 1992. Craig enjoyed coaching baseball and loved his Texas Aggies. He dutifully served as a Police Officer in Coppell, TX, and later as a Certified Personal Trainer. He was the proud owner and operator of a mobile detailing company TCR Detailing. Craig was loved deeply by many and touched the lives of all he knew. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Services for Thomas Craig Russell will be held in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Longview, TX on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 10 a.m.




Events


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Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, October 15, 2016

 10:00 AM CT

 **Rader Funeral Home of Longview Chapel**
1617 Judson Rd, Longview TX 75601





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PB

Penny Bozell lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

Sandra, Keith and family, I am so sorry to hear about Craig. He was a very special young man and I will hold all his memories in my heart. We had some fun times and good laughs together. May God put his arms around all of you and give you peace and comfort. Penny B.

October 15 at 4:33 AM



CF

Chad and Misti Field posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Russell family. No more hurt RIP friend. Misti Johnson Field

October 14 at 1:20 PM

GM

Granny, Winston, Barbara, Chris, Michelle, & Michael sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Russell family.

October 13 at 9:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Mrs. Fields Deluxe Sympathy Basket to the Russell family.

October 13 at 6:05 AM



JW

Julia White lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

I remember Craig in high school. He was a fun loving guy. Sending my deepest sympathies for the loss.....Julia White

October 13 at 2:39 AM





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KR

Karen Ross lit a candle in honor of Thomas .



October 12 at 11:30 PM

KR

Karen Ross October 13 at 7:03 AM

So many beautiful memories of Craig and the entire Russell family! My deepest thoughts and prayers to all of you!

SG

Sincerely, The Coppell "Work Out Girls" sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Russell family.



October 12 at 6:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Russell family.



October 12 at 3:09 PM

KR

Kelly Rutland sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Russell family.



October 12 at 11:14 AM

MS

Michael Smith posted:

I rode with Craig while we worked at Trugreen selling lawn care. Craig was a very generous mentor teaching me everything I needed to know. To watch him in action was amazing, he was great at sales and customers loved him. He had a special connection to anyone who shared his Aggie pride. Or owned a Jeep... :-) Craig always made me feel welcome when I was around him. I didn't say it enough then, and it's awfully late now, but I thought a lot of Craig. I think it says a lot about him when you see Jake and Claire and what great kids he was parenting. We all wrestle with personal challenges. I know God has welcomed him home and he has found peace. You will be missed my friend. Michael Smigh

October 12 at 11:01 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Russell family.



October 12 at 10:49 AM



Kevin Brumley posted:

I had the pleasure of playing baseball with Craig for many years from little league through high school. Keith, his older brother, was our coach for two seasons and I still remember the smile Keith and Craig shared as brothers. Craig was a sincere friend that truly cared about me as a person and was always uplifting. One of my favorite lines from Craig is when we were playing an Allstar game at Timpson baseball park –Craig and I were walking to warm up as pitcher and catcher- as we passed a group of cute girls that were staring at us/Craig – Craig calmly told them “take a picture girls it will last longer”. That’s the Craig I will always remember. Kevin Brumley

October 12 at 7:23 AM



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



October 12 at 5:11 AM



Kristan Hruby lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

Craig was a great trainer. We spent many early mornings together. He will be missed.

October 11 at 6:32 PM



Karen & Bryan Matthews lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

October 11 at 2:38 PM





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Carolyn Fisher posted:

I visited with Craig several months ago and we laughed about the high school days that were spent at my house playing basketball with Brian in our driveway. The boys always had fun together. I pray that Craig has found the peace he couldn't find here on earth. He was such a sweet young man. Carolyn Fisher

October 11 at 12:03 PM



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RG

Robbie Gilbreath posted:

My husband & I had a great visit w/Craig on Friday night (Oct 7) at the PT tailgate party. He was so sweet & caring! He was so appreciative of my husband for coaching him in baseball during his years of growing up in Little League baseball! We loved Craig & always will! He will be forever in our memories. Love you Craig! Robbie Gilbreath

October 11 at 4:40 AM

LL

Lee Lynch October 14 at 2:28 AM

Our deep, deep sympathy for the Russell family as well as for Craig's many, many friends who will truly miss him. Lee and Ann Lynch

WS

Winston Smith October 13 at 8:45 PM

The man we knew as Craig That was Sandy's little boy He was molded as a man By dad Ron and brother Keith Craig gave us Jake and Claire They meant the world to him He loved my daughter Sharlis She had great love for him Craig was a fearless warrior That made Satan mad So he cursed him with a taste for wine Craig stumbled and he cried The hurt that Craig imparted was not his heart's intent I'll stop hurting those that love me Was what he wanted sent Winston Smith

CD

Cindy Deloach October 13 at 3:40 AM

Craig always made waking up early to workout enjoyable. He will be missed.

SS

Steve Strait October 12 at 11:04 AM

Craig you have left this life for a better one above. No more pain or hurt now and you can experience true peace. We love you cousin and will miss you. Donna and Steve Strait.

LS

Leigh Ann Simons October 12 at 10:52 AM

I sincerely hope that he is at peace. I pray for comfort and peace for Craig's extended family. He was one of the shining stars of the PTHS Class of 1986.

KR

Kelly Rutland October 12 at 10:08 AM

Craig was the earliest friend I remember having and through him, I met Randy Humphrey soon after. Those football and baseball "camps" our big brothers put us through were special times. Craig was a sweet charismatic kid and great competitor. All the kids in the neighborhood wanted Craig on their team regardless of the sport. We ran the creek bottoms looking for crawdads, played all the sports and tried to whup up on our big brothers, slid down the steep wooded hills in cardboard boxes thinking we were invincible, jumped bikes like Evel Kneivel and literally played outside from morning to dusk. We got into trouble on bus, pretended to be Roger Staubach, Drew Pearson and Tony Dorsett in the fall and the Big Red Machine in the spring. We found excuses to ride over the Warner girl's house (LOL) and generally just had a blast. I was really blessed to have such great friends in the River Oaks neighborhood, and I still drive through when I get a chance. I



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RG

look forward to seeing him again one day in a place with no more suffering, no more tears and no more regret.

JC

Joseph Cash October 11 at 2:12 PM

Craig was such a great person and friend. He was gifted in so many ways. I am glad to have known him and to have shared so many good times in college. He will be missed. It's a sad day. I hope you find peace my friend.

RF

Ruthann Funderburk October 11 at 10:51 AM

Craig was an amazing man and father. All whose lives he touched are better for having known him. May God hold all our hearts in His healing hand at this sad time.

MM

Mark Morris October 11 at 9:23 AM

I can't remember a time that I didn't know Craig. He goes back to my earliest memories. Craig was one of the most righteous and decent people I have ever known. It was innate to him, that there was a certain way people deserved to be treated. He had a gift for nicknames. But it was the fact that it was personal and he had to take the time to get to know someone before he came up with it. That's what made it special - that it was unique and it meant something to him. I have been Cat Daddy since the 8th grade. Rest in peace, my friend.

TA

Tammy October 11 at 8:50 AM

So happy I got to visit with him Friday at our high school reunion. Rest in peace Craig.
Tammy Alford

SW

Stacy Walker October 11 at 8:15 AM

I'm saddened by your passing. I'm sorry my friend. Always look to the skies. Love you brother!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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