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Brian Wayne Thomason of Risco, Missouri, passed away May 17,2025, at the age of 60 years and 2 months.

Brian was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri March 17, 1965 to James and JoAn Thomason of Risco. He was the eldest of two sons, and spent his entire life living on the same gravel road. A 1983 graduate of Risco High School, Brian began working full time as a farmer while also working to acquire is own piece of farmland.

He was raised in the Church of Christ and was an ever present member of the Bernie congregation.

Born with dirt in his veins, he began helping on the farm as a young child and never left. He often spoke of doing homework while sitting on the back of various farm equipment, waiting to fill see hoppers or whatever else needed doing. Through the years he grew cotton, corn, soybeans and milo, but often said his children were the finest crop he ever produced. He wore the dirt on his hands and clothes like a badge of honor until his retirement in September, 2024.

Although he was almost deaf, he refused to wear hearing aids which led to some very interesting conversations throughout the years. He was known for his love of catching (and eating) fish, beekeeping, devotion to his family and to his furry friends, who also mourn his loss. A gold card carrying member of the Malden Coffee Shop club, Brian would frequently catch both the morning and afternoon sessions. He also had his own unique sense of fashion which drove the rest of the family crazy. His explanation for his constant brown shirt and

jeans was that he didn't want to look like "a wheel."

A shameless snacker, Brian found himself in a bit of trouble on more than one occasion when he snuck into tasty looking, non-food items including cat treats, soap, a cricket, and gnat bait. Also known for acting before thinking a situation through, he would come in from outside on an almost daily basis with a minor injury or two, including once having blown his eyebrows off. A first aid kit was always at the ready in his home.

Brian was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bruce. He is survived by his wife Amy, of the home, daughter Hannah (Chris) Guntert of Liberty, Missouri; son Bennett Jesse; daughter, Maura JoAn, both of the home; three grandchildren: Gideon, Penny, and Everly Guntert, various nieces and nephews, as well as a host of church family, and extended family and friends.

Sometimes you never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

My the winds of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear how much we love and miss you and wish you were here. Til memory fades and life departs, you live forever in our hearts.

A celebration of life will be conducted at Bernie Church of Christ on Saturday, June 7, 2025 starting at 10:30 AM.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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