



## Bernie E. Thompson

May 28, 1940 - April 8, 2019

Bernerd “Bernie” E. Thompson, age 78, of Grove passed away on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Wildwood Ranch Nursing Facility in Joplin, MO.

Bernie was born on May 28, 1940 to Larry and Zelma (Hainline) Thompson in Ottumwa, IA, where he grew up and graduated high school. In 1959, Bernie joined the United States Army and proudly served his country for 3 years.

On May 31, 1974 he married Patricia Thorne in Keokuk, IA and the couple made their home in Iowa, later in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Maryland. In 1985, the couple moved to Grove. Bernie was an entrepreneur and in 1987, together they opened “Thompson’s Buffett” and later on “The Real Estate Group” real estate appraisal service.

Bernie was a member of Church of the Shepherd and the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, reading, researching and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and stepfather.

He is survived by his wife, Patty Thompson of Grove; children: Melina Harbour of North Liberty, IA, Kelly Duncan of Pekin, IL, Michael Thompson and wife, Jill of Edmond, OK and 9 grandchildren.

A visitation for family and friends will be from 5-7pm Wednesday, April 10 and funeral services will be at 2pm Thursday, April 11, 2019 both at Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services. Pastor Mike Whitney to officiate. Burial at Olympus Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Olympus Cemterey

Grove, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

## Funeral Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernie E. Thompson



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**Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services** - April 10, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ *Bernie E. Thompson*

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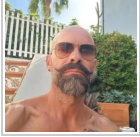
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“ *At a time in my life where I had lost confidence in who I was and direction for my life Bernie not only befriended me, he restored my hope, provided a place for me to call home and encouraged me to climb back on the horse. I will never forget him and his wonderful outlook on life. He is in a far better place and I look forward to seeing him once again and enjoying his company. What an awesome man that I was blessed to know for a short but critical time in my life!*

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**gaines dittrich** - April 10, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ A great "dad" while the Thompsons hosted me as an EF exchange student back in 1990. He guided me, and helped me take decisions, that made me become the person I am today. A safe onwards journey Bernie. Love, Bart Goddé

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**Bart Goddé** - April 10, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ The Pride purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernie E. Thompson.



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**The Pride** - April 10, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ O B Philpot and I drove to Grove to play golf. When we went to pay for the green fees and cart, the Head Pro said Bernie told him that our money was no good and he would take care of everything. So we had a round of golf and lunch courtesy of Bernie. A very gracious friend.

*Bill Wise*

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**Bill Wise** - April 10, 2019 at 01:50 PM



*My memory of Bernie was on the trail in OES when he, and Mary, and Pattie were everywhere. ( This was even before Patty was a GO.) Whenever we ate he said it was his job to get the desert and he always got to the table first. He was a fun man to be with and I was prilviaged to be with him many years. God speed Bernie*

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**Mary Martha Hunnicutt** - April 10, 2019 at 07:00 PM