



Dr. Russell Jay Thornton

August 20, 1964 - April 20, 2024

Dr. Russell Jay Thornton, DO, age 59 of Lexington, Missouri, formerly of Boise, ID, died on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at his home.

He was born Thursday, August 20, 1964 in Cayuga, Indiana and was the son of the late Archie Thornton and the late Janelle (Hankins) Thornton. He was the husband of Tami (Fuller) Thornton, marrying June 19, 1993.

He graduated from Borah High School in Boise, ID. He attended Western University of Health Sciences - College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, CA graduating in 1994 and did his residency at Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, IL. He moved to Missouri to start a family and continue practicing medicine. He served the communities of Higginsville and Odessa through the 1990's and in 2005 he and his wife opened their own Family Medical Clinic in Blue Springs, MO.

When he wasn't serving the needs of his community he enjoyed painting and drawing. He was a talented artist. He loved spending time with his family. Independence Day was his favorite family gathering holiday and he could always be counted on to go overboard on fireworks and celebrations. He loved animals and always had pets. Many weekends he would be seen giving his dogs rides on their golf cart.

Russ was an intelligent, talented, super funny friend that will be missed by family, colleagues, and anyone having the pleasure to call him friend. There will definitely be a void from his absence.

Surviving are his wife, Tami of the home; one daughter, Vinca Thornton of Warrensburg, MO; one son, Alex Thornton of Warrensburg; two brothers, Michael Thornton and Kendell (Monique) Thornton; and one sister, Hazel Thornton; mother-in-law, Donna Fuller; sister-in-law, Donnette Payer; two nieces, Jeannette Lyu (Joy) and Sara Payer; and one nephew, David Payer. A celebration of Russell's life will be held at their Family Medical Clinic on Friday, April 26, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, located at 1700 NW Mock Ave. Blue Springs, MO 64015.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made out to Tami Thornton - Family Medical Clinic 1700 NW Mock Ave. Blue Springs, MO 64015.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Family Medical Clinic
1700 NW Mock Ave
Blue Springs, MO 64015

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *What an amazing person, so smart, kind and humble. His sense of humor was unique and leaves me chuckling. His approach as a provider was honest and real. I am better for knowing him, I am heartbroken today. He will be missed but never forgotten.*

Dee Berry - April 26, 2024 at 12:02 PM

BH

“ *Barbara H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Russell Jay Thornton.*

Barbara H. - April 25, 2024 at 03:40 PM

EJ

“ *My husband, Michael and I are so sorry to hear of Dr. Thornton's passing. He was such a great doctor who took the time to listen to you and he took a conservative approach to our care. We loved him right from when he did wound care on Michael in 2017 and then ended up with him as our primary care. He was a great soul. God bless Tami and all your family and work family. - Liz and Michael Johnson*

Elizabeth Johnson - April 25, 2024 at 12:43 PM

RC

So sorry to hear Russell passing away and everything. I would wish the best and everything for Tammy and everybody else we all know he's any good place and no more pain and stuff and suffering sorry to hear everything

Randy Crump - April 26, 2024 at 09:15 PM

MD

I only just now learned of Dr. Thornton's death. I am so very sorry. My love & deepest sympathy to Tami & the children. I was so blessed to be a patient of Dr. Thornton's. What a brilliant & kind man! He helped me so very much. He will be sorely missed. God be with you Tami. M. Geal

Marie Dominique - May 21, 2024 at 08:37 AM

SF

“*Dr. Thornton was an amazing guy! He had no problem bringing a smile to someone's face. Even if you did not want to hear it. Dr. T was an amazing soul that will be greatly missed. Tammy and son, I am sending you all many, many prayers for comfort, peace and love.*

Samantha Ford - April 23, 2024 at 05:16 PM

MC

“*Dr. Thornton will be so missed, by so many people. I absolutely cannot believe he is gone. Prayers for the family and medical staff. I know everyone is just numb. I'm so very sorry Tami. He sure was a good friend to me.*

Mary Ann Crawford - April 23, 2024 at 02:43 PM