



## Lew Thompson

November 28, 1958 - August 26, 2025

Bobby “Lew” Thompson, a devoted husband, proud dad and papa, respected businessman, and cherished friend to many; passed away on August 26, 2025, at the age of 66. Lew’s life was marked by hard work, a generous spirit, and an unwavering love for his family.

He grew up with drive and determination, always ready to take on new challenges. In his younger years, sports were his passion. A graduate of Huntsville High School, he was a proud member of both the Huntsville Eagle basketball and football teams and was honored for his achievements with induction into the Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lew carried that same determination into his career, where he built a reputation as a problem solver and a man people could count on. His professional journey began with the same grit and determination that defined his life. In 1983, he bought his very first truck and began hauling turkeys for Butterball. Lew ran his business out of a small office in downtown Huntsville, filled with big dreams. Over the years, those dreams grew right alongside his fleet. His company quickly earned a reputation for dependability, excellent service, and an unwavering commitment to getting the job done. What began as a one-truck operation became Lew Thompson & Son Trucking, Inc., operating more than 230 trucks and 400 trailers, carrying forward the values Lew instilled from the very beginning: hard work, honesty, and treating people

right. His colleagues admired his vision and trusted his leadership, which fostered growth and opportunity in every venture he undertook.

Lew's story is not just the story of a business, it's the story of a man whose vision, perseverance, and love for his family created a legacy that will endure for generations.

While trucking was the foundation of his career, Lew also discovered a deep love for the game of golf and eventually owned two golf resorts. Golf gave him balance, joy, and friendships that extended well beyond business.

Of all his accomplishments, Lew's greatest joy came from his family. He loved being a dad, and becoming "Papa" brought him even greater happiness. He treasured time at the beach, deep-sea fishing trips, and rounds of golf, simple moments that meant the most when shared with those he loved. His faith also meant a great deal to him, Lew gave his life to Christ on Easter Sunday of 2024 and was a member of Huntsville First Assembly of God.

Lew was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Glenda (Faulkner) Thompson. He is survived by his loving wife, Carla; his children, Josh (Kendra) Thompson and Tiffany (Ryan) Haught; and his three grandchildren, Jace and Jagger Thompson, and Tristen Haught, all of Huntsville. He is also survived by his siblings, Brenda (Mike) Puryear of Hindsville, Ronnie (Patty) Thompson of Huntsville, and Gail (Terry) Thomas of Huntsville, along with many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Visitation will be from 5:00–7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, on the lawn of Lew Thompson & Son Trucking, with Pastor Alex Foster officiating. Private burial will follow at Thompson Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Billy Cartright, Mike Jones, Jeff

Smith, Val Breitag, Samuel Satterfield, and Rocky Burnett. Honorary pallbearers include Charles Berry, Tom Tice, Joe Shrum, Jeff Davis, Phil Thompson, Garry Thompson, Sam Mathias, and Jerry Hargis. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 North Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
(479) 738-2123  
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lew Thompson and Son Trucking, Inc.  
169 Madison 8655  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
<https://www.lewthompsontrucking.com/>

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Prayers for LEW’s wife, children, and grandchildren. May the Lord strengthen you as you live without your loved one. But what a blessing to see Lew excepted Christ as his Savior last year... knowing if we do the same our separation from those we love is only for a little while. I never met Lew, but saw his trucks and drivers often because I also have been traveling these old roads as a trucker full-time for the past 30 years...Prayers for the Thompson family, and thank you for what y’all do in helping Drivers and their families. 🙏 Allan Broussard  
Matthew 5; 4

Allan Broussard - September 03, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss. He was a great man and was a joy working for him.

Jason Bryant - September 02, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lew Thompson.



September 02, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lew Thompson.

September 02, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Lew. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones.

*Lorena Middleton, John and Linette Faulkner*

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**Lorena Middleton, John & Linette Faulkner** - September 02, 2025 at 05:09 PM

MC

“ Majestic Milling Company purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Lew Thompson.



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**Majestic Milling Company** - September 02, 2025 at 12:59 PM

MC

“ Majestic Milling Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.

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**Majestic Milling Company** - September 02, 2025 at 12:59 PM

EF

“ We were privileged to know Lew through a golf course business in Colorado. We became quick friends. His stories and sense of humor gifted us with much laughter. One of our favorite was when he witnessed a couple of ladies having an argument in the airport while he was smoking a cigarette and didn't notice an ash had fallen on the cuff of his slacks starting his pants on fire. He said he walked to his flight with half of his pant leg missing. We will miss his earthly presence but know he lives on in spirit. Our prayers are with Jackie, Josh, Joe and the rest of the family and friends. Much Love, Eric & Beth Feely

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**Eric and Beth Feely** - September 02, 2025 at 12:36 PM

SA

“ Southern Tire Mart Springdale, AR purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Lew Thompson.



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**Southern Tire Mart Springdale, AR** - September 02, 2025 at 12:28 PM

SA

“ Southern Tire Mart Springdale, AR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.

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**Southern Tire Mart Springdale, AR** - September 02, 2025 at 12:28 PM

EA

“ Eric A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.

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**Eric A.** - September 02, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lew Thompson.



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September 02, 2025 at 11:58 AM

TA

“ *Transport Refrigeration of NW Arkansas purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lew Thompson.*



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**Transport Refrigeration of NW Arkansas** - September 02, 2025 at 11:53 AM

TA

“ *Transport Refrigeration of NW Arkansas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.*

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**Transport Refrigeration of NW Arkansas** - September 02, 2025 at 11:53 AM

KP

“ *KT Pacer purchased the Grand Meat & Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Lew Thompson.*



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**KT Pacer** - September 02, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lew Thompson.*

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September 02, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Lew Thompson.



September 02, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Premier Truck Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.

**Premier Truck Group** - September 02, 2025 at 07:10 AM



“ Premier Truck Group purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lew Thompson.



**Premier Truck Group** - September 02, 2025 at 07:10 AM



“ Jeff Smith and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.

**Jeff Smith and family** - September 01, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ Jeff Smith and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lew Thompson.



**Jeff Smith and family** - September 01, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lew Thompson.*



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September 01, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lew Thompson.*



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September 01, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lew Thompson.*

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September 01, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family at this difficult time*

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**Ronnie & Kathy Villines** - September 01, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ *Rick and D'Ann Whittle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.*

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**Rick and D'Ann Whittle** - September 01, 2025 at 11:43 AM

RW

“ Rick and D’Ann Whittle purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Lew Thompson.



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**Rick and D’Ann Whittle** - September 01, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lew Thompson.

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August 31, 2025 at 07:56 AM

JM

“ Lew was definitely a good person I absolutely adored being his server at his brother and sister in law’s restaurant in Huntsville he will definitely be missed by many

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**Joni McDowell** - August 30, 2025 at 07:58 PM

EW

“ Honored and Privileged to have had the opportunity to call Lew Thompson our friend. Inspired and motivated by the grit and determination that Lew shown us all. We are blessed and humbled to have known this larger than life ICON!!! The most impressive achievement was when we were informed that Lew had accepted our LORD and SAVIOR CHRIST JESUS as his personal savior. May CHRIST JESUS bring the peace that passes all understanding to the Thompson family during this difficult time.

John 14:6

Romans 10:9

With humble regards,

Brent, Eric @ Kyle Wilmoth and family

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**Eric Wilmoth** - August 30, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ Prayers for the family.



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**Alvin L Herrington** - August 30, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BF

“ Bill and Judy Folk Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lew Thompson.

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**Bill and Judy Folk Family** - August 30, 2025 at 09:22 AM

BF

“ *Bill and Judy Folk Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Lew Thompson.*



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**Bill and Judy Folk Family** - August 30, 2025 at 09:22 AM

BF

“ *I was so fortunate to work with Lew most of my 32 year career with Butterball. He was not just an outstanding business partner you could count on, but a close and dear friend. We played many golf rounds together and I don't think I ever beat him once. Lew was always happy and smiling and would lift your spirits when you spent time with him. Lew was always an inspiration to me. I learned a lot about how to be successful in business from Lew and not be afraid to take risk. He will truly be missed by so many people that he touched the lives of. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and wish we could be there to celebrate his life with you.*

*Love this family some much!!*

*Bill and Judy Folk*

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**Bill Folk** - August 30, 2025 at 09:02 AM

EM

“ I was so saddened that my friend Lew had passed, and went to his eternal home...Lew was so kind and hard working, I knew both Josh and Tiffany and Jackie all my life... His precious sister Brenda was one of my closest friends, she helped her brother Lew with his business... it was a true honor to have had him in our lives and the amazing resonance and contributions to his community of Madison County... you are and was loved... my condolences to the family... rest in peace Lew... / E McKnight



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**Euna McKnight** - August 30, 2025 at 12:44 AM

DD

“ I was very fortunate to have become friends with Lew through a mutual love of the game of golf. i was also fortunate enough to see Lew on Monday and visit about playing in a golf tournament in October in Tulsa. Lew and I shared the love of golf as well as many mutual poultry industry connections. Tee it high and let fly my friend!!

*Duane Davis*

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**Duane Davis** - August 29, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lew Thompson.



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August 29, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lew Thompson.

August 29, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lew Thompson.



August 29, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Lew will be missed!  
Tom and I certainly enjoyed him being our brother in law for over 30 years!  
We got to see the growth in the company that he and Jackie built together!  
We never seen two harder workers.  
He took us to Michigan with him one time and we loved every minute on that beautiful golf course and touring UP!  
We had 30 years of holidays, birthdays and many other family gatherings with them!  
Memories we will cherish forever!  
Fly high brother in law we will see you again!

Tom and Billie Whorton

Billie Whorton - August 29, 2025 at 03:38 PM

JG

“ I was privileged to get to know Lew during my time at Butterball. I mostly remember that he always had a smile and handshake for everyone he met. Going to lunch with him, Josh and Bill Folk I would listen to his stories and adventures and can still hear his and Bills laughter as it echoed throughout Granny’s Kitchen. I am not sure I ever met a more determined and hard-working person than Lew Thompson. My heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Lew.



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**Jim Gilbert** - August 29, 2025 at 03:06 PM

RW

“ One of Huntsville’s most distinguished and successful citizens who never said an unkind word about anyone and quick to offer financial assistance to those in need. Lew was one of the most passionate and focused businessmen I’ve ever met and always believed anything could be accomplished with hard work. So sorry to hear this news and offer prayers to his entire family. I’m am grateful our lives passed each other and will always reflect on many wonderful memories.

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**Ron Wey** - August 29, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JL

“ We actually shared the Same birthday. Met him first at a pickup basketball game in a tourney in Elkins that Jim Coger put together. He was rough and tough for sure. Renewed that friendship when he began running tray pack load for us at butterball. From there he carried us thru fresh season many years and always ran our loads into Zero Mountain. I could always count on him and Josh to always do the right thing. We went Las Vegas on our 40th birthday. Sadly I never got to play a round of golf with him. I will always remember him calling me and calling me Jim Bob. Sail on my friend

*Jim Luper*

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**Jim Luper** - August 29, 2025 at 01:54 PM