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**T**homas E. Helm 50, of Mulberry, KS died 4:47am Friday October 29, 2021 at the Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg, KS following an illness.

Thomas was born July 5, 1971 in Vinita, OK the son of Lawrence E. and Carol A. (Ryan) Helm. He was a graduate of Afton High School and later went to the Police Academy.

Thomas married Candace S. Biggs on February 14, 1995 in Afton, OK; she survives at the home. Thomas worked for Columbus Police Department and retired in 2015. Thomas was of the Christian Faith; he enjoyed playing paintball, shooting firearms and gaming with his grandkids.

Survivors include his wife; children Jeffrey Briggs of Mulberry, KS, Christina O'Banion and husband George of Arma, KS; brother Les Helm and wife Teresa of Indiana; grandchildren Chloe Briggs, Bella Briggs, Aden Briggs, Chad O'Banion, Ceeli O'Banion, Cauge O'Banion, Creedyn O'Banion and Cali'Dawn O'Banion; one great-grandchild on the way.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and son Dakota Helm.

Graveside Services will be 2:00pm Friday November 5, 2021 at the Park Cemetery in Columbus, KS with Pastor Larry Hartman officiating. Condolences may be left at [www.bathnaylor.com](http://www.bathnaylor.com). Arrangements and services are under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home of Columbus, KS.



## Tribute Wall

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**Ginger Vanover** posted:

wow i've known u my whole life and didn't even know u were gone i haven't seen u in years but i remember all the fun we used to have i remember many many moons we sit under drinkin beer on a dirt road and we'd laugh about the stupidest things ever and we've danced on them dirt roads lol if anyone would've seen us they'd thot we was crazy ! and it usually got interrupted with a storm chase lol wow time has really gotten away from me now i found out today shane is gone ! my heart is so broke and can't imagine your family's what they feeling right now ! all my prayers are for them thomas eugene helm u will always be in my heart and so will shane rip fly high my brother till we meet again ☐

May 24 at 8:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Helm family.



November 4 at 7:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Helm family.



November 3 at 6:51 PM



**Teresa Helm** posted:

18 years i met thomas yes knowing he was a cop made me nervous but thomas being thomas that didnt last long i knew then we would become friends at the time didnt know he would become my brother in-law/ brother. dakota and i gave thomas a run for his money thats for sure. everyone around thomas could be having the worse day but thomas being himself would crack a joke and make everyone laugh. im so glad thomas was able to be in mine and les 15 year vow renewal that was my grandaughters 1st dance the last time we seen thomas yes it was our last good buy but i will not be the last i see of you. thomas give dakota a big squeeze from me i love you two so much untill we meet again

November 2 at 8:51 AM



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**Karen Rinehart Freeheart** posted:

I remember the first time I met Thomas. His family had just returned from his Dad's last deployment. They were staying with Thomas's Grandma which lived next door to us in Afton. From that day on (1983) we have had the awesome privilege to call them family. I will always miss you like I would a son. I will always love you. See you when I get there ❤️

November 2 at 7:55 AM



**Vernon** November 2 at 10:44 AM

I met Thomas twelve years ago we served on the Adair county sheriff reserve together and emergency management not only was he my friend he was my brother Thomas I will always miss you brother I love ya bro until we meet again



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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