



Brandi Lynn Thornton

August 8, 1978 - September 20, 2024

Brandi Lynn (Byrd) Thornton, age 46 years, a resident of Anna, Illinois and a former resident of Johnson County, passed away Friday, September 20, 2024, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Brandi was born August 8, 1978 in Carbondale, Illinois. She was the daughter of Roy Byrd and Shannon Lynn (Newton) Byrd.

Brandi is survived by: her children – Gabriel Thornton and Madelyn Thornton both of Ozark; a brother – Brannon Byrd of Anna; and a host of other relatives and many dear friends.

Brandi was preceded in death by her parents.

Brandi was a 1996 graduate of Goreville High School. She earned an associate in science degree from Shawnee Community College and received her certification as a registered nurse. Brandi was employed at Choate Mental Health Center in Anna. She had served as Director of Nursing as well as Administrator of Medical Services.

Brandi enjoyed a number of past times, including reading and gardening. She loved to cook, especially for her kids. Brandi is fondly remembered by her loving family as “a great woman and the best mother that ever walked the

Earth.” She loved deeply and unconditionally. Brandi was of the Christian faith.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, September 27, 2024, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. Jack Thornton will officiate.

Burial will be in the Busby Chapel Cemetery, south of Goreville.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 27, 2024 from 11 A.M. until the funeral hour at 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Herren Project (Treatment, Recovery and Prevention of Substance Use Disorder), P.O. Box 131, Portsmouth, R.I. 02871. www.herrenproject.org

Cemetery Details

Busby Chapel Cemetery

IL Route 37 South
Goreville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Cathy Thompson lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton*



Cathy Thompson - September 28, 2024 at 08:33 PM

CJ

“ *I'm so sad to see this. Brandi was an incredible, exceptional nurse here at Choate. She was also very humble and very kind, intelligent, honest, funny and compassionate. What a sad sad loss. I feel like the world failed her. God bless her children- I know they were her heart and soul.*

Christy Johnson - September 25, 2024 at 03:03 PM

AW

“ *Aleatha Wright lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton*



Aleatha Wright - September 24, 2024 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ *Dale Schierbaum lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton*



Dale Schierbaum - September 24, 2024 at 08:32 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton



Elizabeth Kerley - September 24, 2024 at 12:22 AM

RO

“ I was blessed to work with Brandi and to call her my friend, I will always cherish her memory. She will be forever missed, may she be at peace now. Prayers for her family, especially Gabe & Maddie who she loved so very much..



Regina Osman - September 23, 2024 at 09:50 PM

RA

“ Robert And Brenda Ames lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton



Robert and Brenda Ames - September 23, 2024 at 08:55 AM

SS

“ Sarah Shipman lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton



Sarah Shipman - September 22, 2024 at 11:51 PM

UL

“ *Uncle Lloyd purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brandi Lynn Thornton.*



Uncle Lloyd - September 22, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MW

“ *Thank you for all the wonderful times at work. You were one of the best co workers I ever had. RIP Sweet lady!!*



Mary Lou Wheaton - September 22, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brandi Lynn Thornton.*



September 22, 2024 at 01:42 AM

VB

“ *Vickie Barton lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton*



vickie barton - September 21, 2024 at 10:43 PM

GT

“ Greg Taylor lit a candle in memory of Brandi Lynn Thornton



Greg Taylor - September 21, 2024 at 10:07 PM

RA

“ Robert and Brenda Ames



Robert and Brenda Ames - September 21, 2024 at 09:39 PM

MT

“ This woman lived, breathed, and loved Gabe and I every single day until the day she passed. She was the light of our life, and always the first person we called for absolutely anything, she always had the answers. Please, in support of our family, we ask to please donate as much as you would like to the Herren Project to help individuals with Treatment and Recovery of addiction. We thank you all so much for everything you have shared and done for us.

Maddie Thornton - September 21, 2024 at 08:58 PM

KS

I am her Aunt Sissy. Even though our visits were infrequent I loved her! I was so proud of her becoming a nurse and Director of Nursing . Such an accomplishment. I do know she loved her 2 children. Such a huge loss to her family and friends. Rest in peace Brandi.

Karen Shomo - October 17, 2025 at 04:59 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of
Brandi Lynn Thornton*



Linda Koehler - September 21, 2024 at 08:37 PM