



Adrian Dean Thomas Jr.

July 29, 1975 - January 30, 2019

Adrian D. Thomas, Jr., 43, passed away Wednesday January 30, 2019 at Johnson City Medical Center after an extended illness. His loving family was by his side when he took his last breath.

He was born July 29, 1975 in Beckley, WV. Adrian was known for his infectious smile and his witty sense of humor. His presence would always “light up the room.”

Adrian had several talents and careers throughout his life, but was most proud of acting. He made his acting debut at the Johnson City Community Theatre in “Godspell” where he played ‘Jesus’. He continued stage shows with various theatrical companies, including Rogersville Playhouse, Blue Moon Dinner Theatre, Proud Annie Mystery Theatre, and Jonesboro Repertory Theatre.

Adrian was the Artistic Director of Two Pence Productions where he continued to star in and direct several shows. In 2005 Adrian played a role in “Transporter 2” with Jason Statham. In 2006 he was in “Push” with Chazz Palminteri. He was also in “The Shunning”, directed by Michael Landon, Jr. Adrian made his dancing premier in a “Bud Light Commercial” at the 2007 Super Bowl along side Cedric the Entertainer. Adrian played the lead role in “The Watch” which won an Audience Choice Award and Macon Film Festival Award allowing his entrance into the Screen Actor’s Guild.

Adrian was a graduate of Shady Spring High School, Shady Spring, WV and attended West Virginia State College.

Adrian was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Fred and Betty Thomas; maternal grandparents, Charles and Ella Burgess; cousins, Lonnie McKinney, Jr. and Kenny Burgess; step-sister, Tonya Akers.

Those left to cherish his memory are his father, Adrian Thomas, Sr. (Tammy); mother, Brenda Burgess (Lee Glenn); sister, Angela Graham (Matt); brother, Shane Pritchett (Jessica); nieces, Chelsey Kincaid (Chris), Melanie, and Bella, nephews, Andrew, Jacob, and Logan, and several cousins, aunts and uncles, in addition to numerous friends and extended "theatre" family.

The family in West Virginia will receive friends 1:00-2:00 pm Monday, February 4, 2019, at the Blue Ridge Mausoleum, Beckley, WV. A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 2:00 pm. He will be laid to rest in the Thomas family plot.

Another Memorial Service will be held in Johnson City, TN at a later date.

Special thanks to the medical staff at ETSU ID and Johnson City Medical Center for their immense support and care.

The care of Adrian D. Thomas and his family has been entrusted to the staff of Oak Hill Funeral & Cremation Services, Kingsport, TN.

Comments



“ Adrian may be gone but his soul is with us all and I wish I could have said goodbye to him when he was in the Johnson city hospital. He always made everyone smile he had the most amazing singing voice ever and I think that everyone he met has remembered him since then and will forever. Adrian gone too soon but we will always remember him and his acting skills he was the most amazing actor that deserved to make it bigger in life in his short film "The watch" you could see his sarcasm come through . We all love and miss him and always will .

Melanie Cole - February 13 at 01:36 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Devon Ressler - February 05 at 04:50 PM



“ In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr..



February 04 at 06:41 PM



“ It seems to me you lived your life like a candle in the wind...death cannot extinguish your light in fact the stars in heaven are dimmed by your bright light. We will all follow you and what a reunion it will be. I hope you and MM are clinking glasses. You will never be forgotten my friend.



jim begley - February 04 at 10:05 AM



“ I always treasured the pictures we had taken together, but now will cherish them even more. You took your final curtain much too soon.

Devon Ressler - February 05 at 04:28 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was honored to be in Godspell with Adrian. I remember he would come over to my house and we would practice our lines, songs and dance routines together. So many happy memories. He was such an amazing person. He made me believe in myself. He will always have a special place in my heart. I am praying for you all during this very difficult time.

Merideth Kille - February 03 at 01:53 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr..



February 03 at 12:58 PM



“ Stephanie Guidry lit a candle in memory of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr.



Stephanie Guidry - February 03 at 12:41 PM



“ Adrian gave me my first rose I ever received after I finished a production of “Annie”. He had to work during the show, but he drove all the way to the theater just to hand deliver me that rose with his big, cheeky smile and twinkling eyes. Adrian didn’t have to be a brother to me, but he chose to be. I will forever cherish my memories of him. Much love to everyone.

Melanie Glenn - February 03 at 11:59 AM



“ I am Adrian's stepdad and was always so proud of his incredible talents and accomplishments, especially in the performing arts. We lost an incredible soul at an age that was far too young. Your parents should never outlive you. --Loyd "Lee" Glenn

Lee Glenn - February 03 at 10:41 AM



“ Watching him get worse everyday trying to get well my heart is broken we spent so much time together I appreciate every one who was there for him I’m going to miss my son

Brenda Burgess - February 03 at 08:09 AM



“ Love always, Debra Glenn purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr..



Love always, Debra Glenn - February 02 at 08:50 PM



“ There are no words to express how I feel. I wish that we had more time together. Sending my love and prayers for my family. Wanda



Wanda Wilds - February 02 at 03:01 PM



“ I had the honor of working with Adrian in Sunday in the Park with George and August: Osage County. One of the finest actors I've ever known. I'm heartbroken that his talent & light are gone from this earth. But as we sing in 'Sunday', I will think of him as forever by the cool purple yellow red water. Strolling in a perfect park. He is dearly missed.



Susan Christophel - February 02 at 02:38 PM



“ My heart breaks for your loss. Please know you are thought of and loved very much. Little A will be missed so much. Love, Darlene

Darlene VanTrease - February 01 at 11:25 PM



“ I had the honor of directing Adrian in The Watch. He was a consummate actor and a good friend. I am heartbroken.

Roger Franks - February 01 at 09:33 PM



“ Roger, I'm so glad you saw this. --Maria

Maria Reese - February 02 at 01:18 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Adrian’s passing. My heart goes out to everyone during this very sad time. Love you guys, Shelly Lyles

Shelly Lyles - February 01 at 08:45 PM



“ Patsy Shrewsbury lit a candle in memory of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr.



Patsy Shrewsbury - February 01 at 08:26 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Adrian passing. I was lucky enough to share the stage with him twice at Jonesborough repertory Theatre. He was a wonderful actor and entertainer. It was my pleasure to know him.

Josh Baldwin - February 01 at 07:49 PM



“ Winnie Seals lit a candle in memory of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr.



Winnie Seals - February 01 at 06:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr..





“ Too much to say....I will miss you, but I will hold onto the memories .



Winnie Seals - February 01 at 04:35 PM



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Tod C Riddle - February 01 at 02:25 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Adrian's passing. I was blessed to work with him in several theatre productions and was lucky enough to portray his mother and also be directed by him in 'Death of a Salesman'. He was a very talented and gifted young man, but more than that he was a good soul. We have lost touch over the past couple of years and for that I will always be sorry. My prayers are with the entire family and his host of friends.

Michele Green Smith - February 01 at 10:46 AM



“ Kimberly Meadows lit a candle in memory of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr.



Kimberly Meadows - February 01 at 05:26 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Adrian and I were friends when we were younger. He always spoke about how much he loved his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kimberly Meadows - February 01 at 05:25 AM



“ I met Adrian while working on a production of "On Borrowed Time" back around 2007-2008. My first memory is that of him making me go outside the theater (in the cold rain), turn in a circle 3 times and spit because I had mentioned "Macbeth" during a show backstage. (It was supposed to break the bad luck curse.) I then worked alongside Adrian in countless plays in Jonesboro, TN and was honored when he both produced and starred in a play I had written. He was funny, loving, hyper, caring, handsome, positive, upbeat, flirtatious, and could always, always make me or any other women, who was as plain looking as pudding like me, feel as if we were the most beautiful woman in the world...that's the kind of friend he was. I had made him promise that when he became famous in Hollywood that he would never forget his friends he knew before he made it. Well, Adrian, you're up there among the stars now. Please don't forget us as we shall never forget you. Much love from Angela, Dennis, Caelen, and Shane



Angela Dickey - January 31 at 08:28 PM



“ Staff Of Oak Hill Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Adrian Dean Thomas Jr.



Staff of Oak Hill Funeral Home - January 30 at 06:17 PM