



## Coby Christian Thompson

January 19, 1970 - October 10, 2022

Coby Christian Thompson, loving husband, father, PePaw, son, brother, and friend, passed away on Monday, October 10, 2022, at the age of 52, in Aubrey, TX.

He was born to Craig Thompson and Cassie Semich on January 19, 1970, in Fort Belvoir, VA. He had the opportunity to live in Europe from 1970 to 1973, before moving back to Fort Belvoir for 2 years and then settling in San Antonio, TX. It was in San Antonio where Coby developed an interest in cars and worked in car restoration and auto body repair. Later in 1990, he relocated to the Dallas area with his family where he met the love of his life, Lori Dawn Babbitt, and continued his career in collision repair and auto restoration. Coby and Lori were married shortly after and during their 26 years of marriage raised a beautiful daughter, Caitlin, who he was so very proud of and loved with all his heart. He absolutely adored his son-in-law, Kurkland, and being PePaw to his grandson, Beau.

Throughout the years, Coby enjoyed the outdoors including hunting and fishing. He had a love for horses and his dogs. He was an amazing cook who gathered family and friends anytime he could to grill out and share a meal with those he loved. Coby was known for his sense of humor, generosity, and heart the size of Texas.

Coby was preceded in death by his brother, Cheney, whom he loved dearly; and grandparents, William and Evelyn Thompson and Ellis and Margaret Semich.

He is survived by his wife Lori; daughter, Caitlin Boney and husband Kurkland; one grandson, Beau; father, Craig Thompson and wife Leticia; mother, Cassie Baker and husband Mike; one brother, Chad Thompson; father and mother-in-law, Gary and Betty Babbitt; brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Kerri Babbitt; one niece, Megan Kerr and husband Otto, and their daughter, Lauryn. He also leaves behind extended family and friends he touched during his short life.

“Gone, yet not forgotten. Although we are apart, your spirit lives within us, forever in our hearts.”

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or [www.StJude.org/donate](http://www.StJude.org/donate).

Arrangements are under the direction of Bradley Shotts and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Coby's family. May Jesus hold each of them in his loving arms and comfort them.

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**Ed Brady** - October 19, 2022 at 07:00 AM

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“ Coby was my neighbor and dear friend who I was lucky to share a number of experiences with. He helped me out so many times through the years with his kind generosity and friendship to our family. One time that I will always remember was when my son Matthew spent his entire summer working to buy his first truck that shortly thereafter blew the head gasket. Coby felt bad for Matt and told me we could easily replace the engine (it wasn't so easy!) With Coby's help and direction we spent 2 weeks during the holidays that year changing out the engine. Coby spent countless hours working with me well into the nights, freezing cold that year, helping me get the truck back working better than it did before. His only gratification was seeing Matt's joy in having his truck back. They say a good friend is one you can call at 2am to help you pull your truck out of a ditch. For me, Coby not only helped pull it out of the ditch, he replaced the engine as well. Coby may have returned to heaven but he will never be forgotten.

*I will miss you Coby,  
Brian Hunter*

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**Brian Hunter** - October 18, 2022 at 04:56 PM

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“ Coby use to babysit my daughter when she was 1 year old so that Lori and I could go shopping and do things together. He called our daughter "My little tooty". He loved her like his own. As the kids got older, he'd have Lori call to make sure we were coming over trick or treat with them. He was so generous and a great friend. Loved his crawfish boils. I loved his sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. Love Tanya Wilson

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**Tanya Wilson** - October 18, 2022 at 03:19 PM