

OUR LOVE STORY

First off, I would like to thank all of you for coming and making this day a special celebration of Brooks' life! Looking out in front of me now, there is no doubt - he touched so many lives during his short time on this earth.

I can stand up here and tell you the wonderful traits Brooks possessed. Every single one of you have been touched in one way or another by Brooks' love for life, God and family. His infectious smile and charismatic personality made him a lovable guy to so many!!! As I wrote this....I came up with so many adjectives to describe Brooks. But I needed just one word to sum him up. This morning one word popped into my mind: EPIC! By definition the word means heroic, grand, monumental. As a father, a husband, a son, a brother, a coach, but more importantly as a christian--- He did all things epically!!! Brooks was epic!!

I could not let today come and go without sharing our love story: June 3rd, 1998.....Stillwater, Oklahoma.....that is the day our love story began! I can vividly remember that night, like it was yesterday. As we have shared this story with our girls over the years, Edmond Low Library (better known as the wormy dog) is where it all began. It was love at first sight!! Brooks with his confident demeanor, walked up to me and without saying one word held out his hand.....I took it and we walked off together hand in hand and the rest is history. One year later we were married. Actually, in 4 days (this coming Sunday) 17 years ago in this church ---in that very spot we exchanged our vows. Brooks was not just my husband, but my best friend. Brooks was not just a father to our 3 girls: Ryan, Brooke and Addison--he was their teacher. He was not just our provider, but our protector and our ROCK through all the good and bad times.

God's plan for Brooks and for all of us is bigger than we will ever understand or fathom....actually I will never understandand that's ok. What I do understand is Brooks' work here on earth is done. He stands before his maker healed and perfectly whole. 2nd corinthians 5:1 says, We

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know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from god, the eternal house in heaven, not built by humans. What an amazing promise and oh how that gives me comfort. His death will be a part of my testimony and the testimonies of Ryan, Brooke and Addison and in this way his testimony will be carried forward. Precious in the sight of the lord is the death of his saints. psalms 116

A few years after addison was born- I would say to Brooks, "lets try for a boy-- I just know our 4th will be a boy". He would say to me every time I asked....."we would have girl #4 because God has given me more sons than I can handle." He spoke of the young men on his team, whether you were a player or a manager, a walk on or the star, it didn't matter to Brooks ---you were his. So, Not only is Brooks watching over me, our daughters, his parents, his brother and our whole family.....but be rest assured he is watching over all his players because just like his daughters, you were his! Brooks' legacy doesn't just live on through his daughters and his family.....it lives on through all of you! Live your life to the fullest and always remember the one thing that Brooks preached....WE MUST BE UNCOMMON.....BECAUSE COMMON MEN GO NOWHERE!

3 beautiful baby girls, Metro Christian Academy, SE Louisiana, Oklahoma State, yavapai, Arizona State, and lastly, UTSA- 5 adventurous moves across the southwest and 18 breathtaking years later here we are. Our love story, like so many others, should not end like this! To me.....its not the end! Our love story is to be continued.....all of this here on earth is temporary. I know without a shadow of a doubt.....we will be together again because love never fails!!!

I LOVE YOU THOMPSON

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