

## Lynn Thorpe Memorial Page



*Preparing for a Game*



*Coaching Third*



*WSL Nationals – Panama City Beach, FL*



*Goosetown*



Lynn Carlyle Thorpe, 46, of Boise died Oct. 10, 2008 at his home. Lynn was born Feb. 24, 1962 in Jerome, Idaho. He attended schools in Twin Falls, Idaho, graduating in 1980. He then attended College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University. Lynn worked at the Rock Creek restaurant in Twin Falls, the Rodeway Inn Sunshine Feed Store in Boise, and at Micron, also in Boise. Lynn married Michelle Brown and they were later divorced. To this union was born a son, Brett on June 15, 1992, Lynn's "sports prodigy." Lynn coached Brett's teams and supported and enjoyed Brett's little league games. He never missed Brett's baseball and football games, cheering him on as the proud father. Lynn enjoyed playing baseball, softball and football. He played for and managed the softball team "The Sea Dogs" in Boise with his friends and honored teammates. Lynn is survived by his son Brett Christopher Thorpe; his mother Alice Thorpe Carson; his sister Kim (Robert) Smith; nieces Rachelle Harr and Christine Harr; grandniece Hannah Harr; and nephews Cody Smith and Josh Smith. He was preceded in death by his father Lyle Thorpe and his sister Rose Arlene Thorpe. A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 at Twin Falls Cemetery. Following the service, a gathering will take place at the Moose Lodge on Falls Avenue. Memorial contributions in Lynn's name can be made to the Brett Thorpe Benefit Account and can be left at any Wells Fargo Bank or at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, PO Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1142.

### **Lynn Thorpe #5**

#### **Jason "Opie" Obenshain:**

For many years in Boise Lynn's name was synonymous with the Seadogs...he was our strongest advocate and leader. Lynn even went as far as to have our Seadog logo tattooed on his leg....

Lynn was an instrumental part of the Seadogs success for years and helped to form the cohesive bond that we all enjoy as a team today. I played with Lynn for years...and you couldn't have found a more knowledgeable guy...when it came to softball. Months before the season started Lynn would research the best new bats on the market and even tracked down the best softballs out there. I am fairly certain Lynn was the first guy to bring the, now legendary, Decker "Shark" ball to Boise. He was totally about the team...and would do whatever needed done...to help our success.

Lynn's generosity and helpful spirit was not restricted to his teams. I was playing on a different team prior to joining the Dogs...and we had just qualified for ASA Nationals in Texas. After finding out we were thinking of going...Lynn searched me out at the ball field and told me how awesome an experience it would be for us. My team didn't have any sponsor money...to speak of...we played with hand me down - beat up bats. Lynn offered to loan us a few of his personal bats...to make sure we could compete a little better. Lynn worked for Ramada Inns at the time...and even got our squad discounted hotel rooms in Texas...just to help us out. These may seem like small things to some...but to me they really epitomized his giving spirit. Lynn didn't benefit in anyway from my team making it to that tournament...but he knew what a great experience it would be for us...and he was right. I also remember seeing him at that tournament...sitting in the stands...watching our 8:00am game Sunday morning. Not many guys would make another teams 8:00am game...but Lynn would.

Lynn hasn't been around much in the past few years...I know his son Brett's football and baseball activities were all consuming for him...but he managed to come out to a few tournaments each season and help coach bases and fill in when needed. It was always great to have him around...even if it was just for a day...or even a game or two. He always had encouraging words for the team...especially when we weren't playing so well.

Lynn was a great guy and will be missed dearly by all those that knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this trying time. No words can take away the pain...but know that the Seadog family is thinking about you all.

**Chris "Lil Fella" Crawford:**

I have so many stories as well and could be on here for days. And just think Lynn hated to lose and probably more to us than anyone. But you would have never known it. Lynn was an amazing person to everyone, always gave me advice what I should or should have done to play certain teams. I will never forget that smile (with a chew in it of course) when ya'll beat us, or even when yall played well, no matter the outcome. Lynn will be missed by all that knew him. A great person as well as a great softball junkie. I will miss the little talks we had with his son's ball or even the battle we have had against each other the past decade. I will keep his family in my prayers as well as all of you....

**KC Waterbury:**

wow..... hmmm, i dont even know where to begin!! Well said Opie, and Crawford. Over the last 5yrs I have had the opportunity to get to know Lynn by seeing him around at the fields, playing against him and his seadogs, as well as picking up for the seadogs quite a few times. Ill tell you what, the guy made me feel like i had been a part of the team for years and years. Never, i mean never did i hear a negative word out of his mouth! I remember the first year i went to anaconda with the seadogs.. we had a 8am game sunday mornin, and i had the pleasure of staying up way too late (like 3am) with Lynn and tory sipping on some cold cl's or kl' (can't really remember :) ) boy there was lots of laughs and great quality time getting to know eachother! I'll never forget that, cuz he was the 1st guy up in the mornin gettin the whole crew up and attem' for a sunday of battle on the diamond! Like Crawford said, many more great stories to be told bout this GREAT MAN!!! could be on here for ever..... He made a lifetime impression on me and many many other people in the treasure valley softball community, and i am sure whoever else that had the true pleasure of knowing him!! Lynn #5 rest in peace my friend! You will be missed!! God bless!

**Kim "Thorpe" Smith:**

I logged on to the website to see the tribute to my brother. I was so moved by your compassion and love I wanted to tell "The Family" how much we appreciated your assistance and support. I have been reading the entries and tributes to my brother and with a tear in my eye and a warm feeling in my heart I am so grateful that he had brothers like you. Although in our childhood all he had was a pestering little sister, he taught me a lot. The Lynn that I hold dear and remember and thought was my own it seems is the same Lynn that I share with you. Knowing that others have been touched and effected by my brother's kindness, zeal for life, love and dedication helps me tremendously. I know now that he left his mark on other's lives like he did my own and that fulfills my wish that all the people that had the priviledge to know my brother will carry a part of him on. May you all reach your "Field of Dreams" and when you do know that Lynn will be there to dust off the plate, pat your backs, and drink a beer with you. Thank you all so much,  
Lynn's little sister

**Levi Veatch:**

Lynaryd Skynaryd, king of the unassisted double play. Some of my best moments at the softball fields were spent talking to Lynn about Brett's baseball games and the philosophy of the game. The memory of those conversations can never be replaced. We lost a true baseball/softball fan. Lynn, God bless and rest in peace.

**Shaun Ramsey:**

In the short time I spent on the field with Lynn, he taught me that there was more than just playing a game. Lessons I will keep forever. He is a great friend and will always be remembered. Rest in peace

**Jerry Nava:**

I offer my condolences and prayers to the family. Lynn was one of the best guys I've ever met. His smile and presence will always be missed at the softball fields.

**Jared Bilveu:**

I am fortunate enough in the short time that I have lived in Boise to have had the chance to know Lynn. He was one of the most genuine individuals who honestly cared about each and every person he came in contact with. My sympathies to the family in this time. God Bless.

**Chris Hoshaw:**

My prayers go out to Lynn's son and family. Lynn was a great force in promoting Boise and Sea Dog softball. Lynn's family and the Boise softball community has lost a great man. Rest in peace.

**Gino Garza:**

Lynn was a good friend... I will always remember his uplifting spirit and the love for his son Brett. It was always a pleasure to be around Lynn and you knew he would do anything for you. I'm proud to call Lynn my friend... You will be missed my FRIEND... I offer my condolences to the rest of his family.

**Ed Decouto:**

Lynn will be missed greatly by all of us in his softball family. I feel priveleged and honored to have known him. Please accept my sincere condolences to the family.