



## Brennen Thoma

June 9, 1987 - December 19, 2021

Brennen Joseph Thoma, age 34, of Berlin, passed away peacefully from Covid pneumonia on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at Ascension Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh with his loving wife, Emily, by his side.

He was born June 9, 1987, in Oshkosh, WI to William and Karen Thoma. Brennen attended grade school at Berlin Catholic School, the public schools, and then graduated from Berlin High School in 2005. Brennen was married to Emily on October 8, 2016, and were married for 5 joyous years.

He was an entrepreneur at heart first dabbling with organic homemade laundry detergent, which then led him to establishing Thoma Poultry Farms. Brennen raised pasture fed chickens that he sold to friends and family as well as at the Oshkosh Farmers Market. He then went on to become a successful independent insurance agent licensed in six different states and was in the process of living out his dream of co-owning his own insurance agency. He also created a Facebook group called "Wisconsin Meat Smoking Hobbyist" that grew daily and now has over 19,500 members from the state of Wisconsin. He was also the founder and president of a statewide club called Meat Smoking Club of Wisconsin.

Brennen was a man of many passions. He liked to duck hunt and made special trips out to North Dakota with friends and his loyal dog and best friend, Woody. He loved to kick back and strum a few cords on the guitar, a hobby he learned on his own. He also enjoyed anything cooking related especially meat smoking and BBQing.

Brennen and Emily spent a lot of time together and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. Whether it was traveling, trips to the casino, singing karaoke or trying new restaurants, they did it together.

He liked to spend time with his family going on skiing trips when they were younger, camping during the summers, and weekly cookouts before the Packer games.

He had a heart of gold, the biggest smile, and the most contagious laugh. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and offer friendly advice about anything related to insurance or meat smoking. Brennen was such a social guy and could easily walk into a room of strangers and leave having made new friends. He made a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Brennen will be incredibly missed by his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife, Emily; his father, William, his mother, Karen, and his siblings, Jessica (Ryan) Holtzmacher, Anthony Thoma, Kelly (Dan) Quance, Mac Thoma and Kayla Thoma; nieces Sophia and Emma Holtzmacher; Addy and Alyssa Thoma and Haisley Quance; nephews Andrew and Maximus Holtzmacher. He is further survived by many relatives including his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Donald and Mary Thoma, his maternal grandpa, Anthony Masticola, his uncles, Dennis Thoma and Merle Resop, cousin Jeff Resop, and his beloved yellow lab, Woody.

Family and friends may visit with the family and pay their respects to Brennen on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, from 4pm-7:30pm, and also on Thursday, December 30 from 9am-10:45am at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 30 at 11am at All Saints Catholic Parish in Berlin with Father Anthony Thirumalareddy officiating.

Interment will be held following services at Oakwood Cemetery in Berlin with a luncheon to follow at All Saints Catholic Parish.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

# Cemetery

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## Oakwood Cemetery

Berlin, WI, 54923

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:30PM

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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home  
116 S Adams Ave, Berlin, WI, US, 54923

**DEC** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home  
116 S Adams Ave, Berlin, WI, US, 54923

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - December 24, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Breathtaking. Really seemed like a wonderful soul inside and and out. I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart just breaks watching this video... gone to soon and may he Rest In Peace! And god bless the rest of the family. You all are in my prayers!

**Denise Browning** - December 30, 2021 at 07:59 AM

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“ Dear Thoma Family, Greeting you with much sadness and a broken heart for your loss of Brennen who was so dear to so many. He was one of those "once in a lifetime" people you meet that brightens your day with love, laughter and kindness. In 2018 I fondly remember Bob and I driving to his home in the truck pulling a newly purchased Pontoon. I asked where we were going and he said, you'll see! When we arrived, out came Brennen, a welcoming, gracious, bubbly, friendly guy with a big smile, who said " hi Bob, how ya doing today? I have your space ready for you to store your boat. He and Bob instantly hit it off and most of you know why!! Our conversation seemed to last for ever! but a new friendship was born. There are no words to describe your loss, and believe me I know that to be true, so I truly share your sorrow. When the Lord calls our loved one home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to those memories and let them comfort you during this difficult time of sadness and let them guide you along the way in your grieving days ahead. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you and I extend my sincere, heartfelt sympathy. I will miss Brennen. Love, Shelly Chikowski

**Shelly Chikowski** - December 30, 2021 at 03:21 PM

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“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brennen Thoma.



December 27, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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“ Emily, I am so sorry for your loss, I know Brennen was the shining star in you life! Things will be very difficult without him, but you are stronger than you know and Brennen would want you to continue living a happy life. He will still be with you every day, your heart will never forget - he will be watching over you and sending you signs that he is there!!!

To the Thoma Family: Brennen was like a son to me, these picture bring back so many great memories. Thank you for accepting me as part of your family and sharing you family with me! My heart breaks with you as we say good bye to Brennen, life will never be the same without his crazy, goofy, jovial antics! Brennen could make friends with almost anyone! He also loved spending time with his family and friends, cooking and smoking just about anything and making it taste incredible! Brennen's smile and laugh was so contagious! He will be missed by so many. To both Emily and the Thoma Family: In the days ahead, don't be afraid to ask for help when time are hard, you have a lot of loving -caring people who are there for you!!! Sending many hugs!!!

Julie Handrich - December 26, 2021 at 11:11 AM

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“ 295 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - December 24, 2021 at 09:52 AM

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“ Brennen was one of the nicest people I have met. He was the sole reason I was able to start my business. Although I never got to meet him in person he was always there for me and my business. You will be missed brother.

Zakkery Bock - December 22, 2021 at 06:07 PM

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“ Cheryl Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Brennen Thoma



Cheryl Rodgers - December 22, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Brennen Thoma.



December 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM

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“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Brennen Thoma.



December 20, 2021 at 06:53 PM