



Mr. Thomas N. Tilley

November 22, 1946 - August 31, 2019

Thomas N Tilley, 72, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at his home in Albany, GA surrounded by his family. He was born on November 22, 1946 in Effingham, IL to Albert Thomas and Caryl Parker Tilley. The only son in a family with six children, he spent a lifetime entertaining and loving his five sisters. Tom graduated from Effingham High School in 1965 where he lettered in five sports and held a pole vaulting record for many years. He was drafted into the Army in January of 1966 and discharged in November 1967 after spending a year serving his country in Vietnam.

Tom met his future wife, Janis Holbrook, on a blind date in April 1969, got engaged on the 4th of July and were married on October 4, 1969. They had three children: Shannon, Gabe and Jamie. The Tilley's moved to Albany, GA in 1979 and Tom spent the next 40 years in his new hometown. He was a chemical coating salesman and later started his own business.

Tom was an active member of Porterfield Methodist church where he spent many years helping in the kitchen with the youth, was the Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years, was an usher until earlier this year and was always on call for anything that needed to be done.

Affectionally known as Big Dawg to his grandkids, Tom loved the Georgia Bulldawgs, smoking BBQ, golfing at River Point, hunting with his son each

year in South Dakota, yearly family trips to Illinois for July 4th, Mexican Train, being on time, a good laugh and a good party. But more than anything, he loved his family fiercely.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Janis Holbrook Tilley; 3 children Shannon Tilley Jones (David) of Sandy Springs, GA. Gabe Tilley (Natalie) of Johns Creek, GA and Jamie Tilley Parker (Matthew) of Albany, GA; 5 grandkids: Claire Tilley, Porter Tilley, Parker Jones, Audrey Jones and Beckett Tilley; His sisters: Beverly Tilley Ross (Jerry) of San Diego, CA, Barbara Tilley Alsup (Rick) of Champaign, IL, Theresa Tilley Stewart (Lonnie) of Mattoon, IL and Kayla Tilley Manley (Doug) of Olney, IL and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in Death by his parents, Albert Thomas Tilley and Caryl Parker Tilley and his sister, Cheryl Tilley Anderson.

Memorials may be made to Porterfield United Methodist Church, 2200 Dawson Rd., Albany, GA 31707.

The family will receive visitors in the sanctuary of Porterfield United Methodist Church in Albany on Wednesday, September 4th from 5-7pm. Funeral services will be at Porterfield United Methodist Church on Thursday, September 5th at 11am. The family requests that you wear bright colors, but if you must wear black, please wear your red with it.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Memorial Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas N. Tilley*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Thomas N. Tilley*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Thomas N. Tilley*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Mays Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



Mays Family - September 04, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ *Jackie Crossman Schertz & Tommy & Susan Crossman purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



Jackie Crossman Schertz & Tommy & Susan Crossman -
September 04, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



September 04, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ *Jeana Davies lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley*



Jeana Davies - September 03, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



September 03, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *Patrycja, Frank and Franio of Sandy Springs. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



Patrycja, Frank and Franio of Sandy Springs. - September 03, 2019 at 01:48 PM

LF

“ Love your Constellation Brands Family. purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.



Love your Constellation Brands Family. - September 03, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.



September 03, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.



September 03, 2019 at 12:25 PM

DB

“ Dear Janis, Shannon, Gabe, Jamie, & Families; our hearts are heavy about Tom's recent passing. What a special Christian, Family man, & friend. Fortunately, we know he is in the loving arms of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. He is pain free, his body is healed & he is probably getting the angels ready for the bull dawg game this Saturday! Thank you for the memories we have shared with your family over the years. Thoughts, love, & prayers, Jim & Deb B

Deb Blanchard - September 03, 2019 at 12:22 PM

DS

“ Jamie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Debbie Sutton



Debbie Sutton - September 03, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.



September 03, 2019 at 08:08 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.



September 02, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.



September 02, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



September 02, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ *Tom was a great friend, and a caring and helpful man. His smile was awesome and his love of God and his family was so important to him. I will never forget the great times we had together, playing Mexican Train, traveling to Europe, and enjoying life. I will miss him very much. My prayers are with Janis and the family.*

Daniel V. McIsaac Jr. - September 02, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *We will truly miss Tom. I'll never forget our fishing trips together. He had a kind heart and a great sense of humor. He dearly loved his family. I'm sorry I didn't get to visit with him more often.*

Michael Reese - September 02, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ *Patrick and Maribel Parker purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



Patrick and Maribel Parker - September 02, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



September 02, 2019 at 01:59 PM



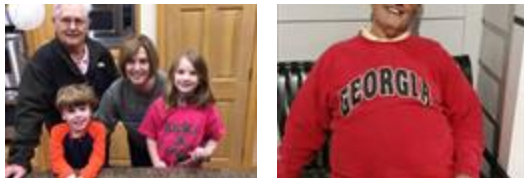
“ *Sharon Goldman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley*



Sharon Goldman - September 02, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Sharon Goldman - September 02, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



September 02, 2019 at 12:00 PM

BC

“ *Barbara and Ronnie Carnes purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas N. Tilley.*



Barbara and Ronnie Carnes - September 02, 2019 at 10:12 AM