



Tommy Rainey Obituary

August 12, 1951 - June 12, 2013

Tommy Rainey, 61, of Albany, GA, died Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at his home.

There will be a private memorial service at a later date.

Tommy was born in Albany and graduated from Albany High School in the Class of 1969. He then attended and graduated from the University of Georgia, and was an avid fan of the Bulldogs. Tommy retired after 28 years as an insurance adjuster with Crawford and Company in Atlanta. He was a talented musician and learned to play by ear.

He is survived by his mother: Mabel H. Rainey, Albany; a son: Joel Rainey and his fiancé, Kayla Perry, Marietta; a daughter: Erin Rainey, Marietta; sister: Ann Griffeth (Ronnie), Franklin, TN; sister-in-law: Mary Rainey, Tifton; brother: Donny Rainey (Laurie), Athens, GA; sister: Cindy Guillebeau (Watson), Albany; many nieces and nephews; and a special group of friends "the Peaches" who loved and supported Tommy.

Those desiring may send memorials to the Albany Community Hospice, 420 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA 31707, or to a favorite charity.

You may sign the online guestbook and share your own memories with the

family of Tommy Rainey by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

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“ Tommy was my cousin. We use to be very close. Our mothers were sisters. We were born a couple months apart. Tommy and Donnie were the brothers I never had. I was excited everytime I went to Albany so to see the Rainey family. To be and hang with Tommy and sometimes Donnie was the best timess in Albany. I have good fond memories. Tommy could stop and talk to strangers as if he had known them for years if not forever. Yes Tommy could have a good conversation with anyone, at anytime, about anything, anywhere. I am shocked to learn he is gone. We had lost touch over the years never reconnected. I remember when I shipped out in 1970, I said I see you when I see you. When I came home it was the same Tommy at home as if time had stopped. I told him he did not miss anything. Now he's gone. I miss him. Never to see or talk to him. He was good at friendships and music. Talented in many ways. God rest you peacefully Tommy!

Charley Hay Jr - Miami , FL - Cousin - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I remember Tommy from high school, though we weren't close friends. We reconnected on Facebook, and every day for the past few years I would check to see what Tommy had written on FB for that day. He was a unique man, and a sweet friend. My days are less bright without him.

Bonnie Presley - Friend - June 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ God bless you Tommy. Rest in peace.

Bob Mock - Atlanta, GA - Friend - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Tommy as long as many of his close friends. He was one of the most unique men I've ever known. He truly cared about people and was always wanting to cheer someone up. I wish I had lived closer so I could have seen him more often. I will miss you and my love to your wonderful family.

Carol Callis - Concord, NC - friend - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ There will never be another Tommy. He was a unique blend of love, compassion, and talent with a generous dash of wicked humor thrown in just to keep us on our toes. I was honored to be one of his "Peaches." He certainly made us all feel special with that name. And the Peaches all treasured their beloved TR. While we are all hurting right now, we will forever be comforted by sweet memories of such a special fellow.

Peggy Thomas - Snellville, GA - Friend - June 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I grew up with Tommy in Lake Park and have known him all my life. I haven't seen Tommy in years and did not know he was so close in Marietta, all those years. On Monday of this week, Tommy friended me on Facebook. I responded with a message and never got a reply. I know why now. I got a message from a mutual friend who told me he went to be with the Lord.
One could not find a kinder and gentler soul than Tommy Rainey, he was a prince.
Lord please comfort his family, friends and his "peaches" in the joy that they will be reunited with him in a better place with you.

Bill Turner - Woodstock, GA - Friend - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Tommy and I graduated together from AHS in the Class of '69...we reconnected through FB, the "Peaches", and occasional mini reunion lunches...it takes aging and maturity to make our reflection on our youth special...all the kind and positive adjectives used to describe Tommy then and now are so true...for us, this had a bitter-sweet ending...may God's richest blessings be yours now and in the days to come!

annlies cato - albany, GA - friend, classmate, Peach - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ From the day we met Tommy and I always joked that we should get married so I would be Rani Rainey. He was a true blessing to many and will remain in our hearts forever.
Peace, Prayers and Blessings to Everyone He Touched

Rani Bailey - Albany, GA - Friend - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I worked with Tom at Crawford & Company. He was a gentleman and a gentle man. Honorable. Smart. Witty--and never anything but a Bulldog fan. Christians are promised that in salvation, we see our family and friends again in heaven. I have a feeling the first thing Tom will say to me is "I told you about those Volunteers". To his family I would just say my heartfelt regret goes out to you; to his friends we were luck to have known Tom and to the ages I would say take care of Tom, we shall see him again. We miss him already.

Lance Cavett - Knoxville, TN - friend - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Tommy and I have been friends since junior high school, though we lost touch with each other after high school. But like so many others, we reconnected in the past few years and for that I am thankful. Godspeed my friend ... you are loved and missed!

Elaine Rabun Hinman - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

K'

“ Tommy will live on in the hearts of the remaining peaches and peachmeisters. He brought a special kind of joy to all of us.

Karen Ford Stephens - Meridian, MS - Classmate - AHS '69 - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My memories of Tommy begin in high school, where he charmed all of us with his happy disposition and smile. I remember his love of music, and his playing with other talented guys in our class. His gentle soul will be missed by all us. My prayers go out to his family.

Michele Sumner Jeselnik - Monroe, GA - Friend - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Tommy was a true and loyal friend. Once he made the decision to be your friend it was eternal. Tommy is now playing keyboards in a heavenly band. He will be missed by all who have had the privilege to know him. My condolences to the family and friends, and certainly to the Peaches.

Bob Kelley - Albany, GA - friend - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Tommy was such a fun, sweet friend. I think we were all enriched by knowing him. Prayers of peace and comfort for his precious family.u

Georgia Temples - Albany, GA - One of Tommy's Peaches - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I remember Tommy from elementary & junior high. He was smart & so sweet. After junior high , he went to AHS & I to Deerfield. We lost touch until reunions. After the 40th, it was as if we had never lost touch. He was a sweet & gentle soul & I must add quite handsome. He will be remembered fondly by all of the Peaches. Peace & comfort to his friends & family.

Linda Waller Gosnell - Mauk, GA - Friend - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Thinking of Tommy's family, friends and classmates. He will be remembered for his love of life, intelligence, humor, musicality and loyalty ! May God grant all family and friends - love, comfort and peace. Looking forward to the greatest high school reunion in heaven one day!

Deane Lamb-Ellis - Cordele, GA - High school classmate - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Mabel and Cindy so sorry to learn of Tommy's passing today. I know that you both were so good to him and made his last days here comfortable and peaceful. I just you both to know that I am praying for you and the family. Mabel I will come by to see you as soon as I can get to Albany. Know that I love you.

Cathy stott - Ocilla, GA - Friend of the family - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

D'

“ Dearest TommyR reconnected with me on Facebook and became a sweet support to me during the last year of my beloved husband's life. TR always had a kind word, a heartfelt encouragement and humor that put a smile on my face. My deepest sympathies to TommyR's beloved family and friends; may the Lord Jesus' Holy Spirit be your Comfort and Counsel during this season of loss and grief. Love to all, Mama :Dee

Dee (Douglass) Delio - Swanzey, NH - DHS '69 - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Margaret LaFontaine - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sweet memories will linger forever, time cannot change them it's true; years that may come cannot sever, my loving remembrance of you!

Melanie Farmer Batchelor - White Plains, GA - friend - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ AHS 1969 Class Reunions, PeachMeister, Duck Whisperer, TR's Diner, Peach Beach Fests, Our Friend, Friend to many, A Kind, Gentle, Generous, & Sweet Man.
All of us have had a ball reconnecting with Tommy. Spending time talking, visiting w him and his Mom, Mz Mabel, and Cindy, on the Front Porch~ Listening to his Stories of Duck Tales and reminiscing. Our Hearts are broken and We are going to miss you. It's just that simple.... My deepest Sympathy to Mz Mabel, Joel, Donnie, Cindy and Families.

Karen.

Karen Oakes Smith - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Tommy was a special man with a loving and kind heart. I am thankful that the Lord had mercy and took Tommy out of his pain and suffering. He will be missed terribly and has left a big hole in our Class of AHS 69ers. But I can tell you that he will never be forgotten by those who knew and loved him.

Prayers of comfort for the family and Cindy you are a special angel.

Juanetta

Juanetta Whatley Miller - Chesapeake, VA - One of Tommy's SOWEGA Peaches
- June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Peace by with you my friend. Memories will cheer the heart for eternity.

Bob Hutcison - Thomasville, GA - Friend - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ All who knew Tommy had a special memory or special story about their relationship with him. The adage that to know him was to love him could not have been more true of Tommy. He had a remarkable way of making and interacting with his friends, especially that group of friends who graduated from Albany High School in 1969. The loss of a close friend can be difficult, but it goes without saying that we all were better people for knowing and sharing our lives with him. His kind heart, gentle nature, and remarkable talents stand out as a testament to his friendship and his character. May his family be honored for their love and devotion to him during his years and may his friends remember the pleasant thoughts that bring smiles to our faces for what he meant to us. May God Bless.

Jim Herschell - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ After many years, one by one, members of the "class of 69" reunited forming a special friendship bond. In the middle of that group was Tommy Rainey. He will be missed and will always be fondly remembered as the Peachmeister.
To his family, know he was loved, as are you.
Anne

Anne Alderman Pack - Winder, GA - "Class of '69" friend - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM