



Harvey Philip Tidwell

October 20, 1947 - April 14, 2011

In the early afternoon of April 14, 2011, Phil Tidwell passed gently from this world. Harvey Philip "Phil" Tidwell, Jr. was born October 20, 1947 in Bibb County, Georgia. He is the son of Harvey Philip Tidwell, Sr. and Annie Ruth Crawford Tidwell. He served in the Third Armored Division of The United States Army in Frankfort, Germany between 1971 and 1973. Both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees were attained at The University of West Georgia. Phil taught World History at Central High School and at Newnan High School. His tremendous interest in history and also genealogy helped make the past come alive for his students. He was fascinated by The Civil War and his interest in genealogy prompted web sites as he explored the Tidwell, Matthews, Crawford and Bailey family roots.

In addition to his parents, Phil is survived by his wife, Patricia Collins Tidwell; his sons, William Austin Tidwell and Philip Akom Tidwell, his sister, Kathy Madden and her husband Jim of Sharpsburg, and his brother, John Tidwell of Raymond. In-laws include Doug and Norma Collins of Headland, AL, and Tom and Terri Collins of Decatur, AL. Nieces and nephews are Alex and Hailey Madden of Trion, GA, Joseph and Tracie McPhillips of Hartselle, AL, Tricia Collins and Taylor Collins of Decatur, AL and Jason and Shea Peters and their daughters, Emily and Maykala of Dothan, AL. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the memorial service honoring Phil's life will be on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the McKoon Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Winston Skinner officiating. Those who

wish to honor Phil's memory, please consider memorial contributions to The Coweta County Genealogical Society, Inc. P.O. Box 427 Grantville, Georgia 30220. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
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Service

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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Just learned of Phil's passing and so saddened by it. Phil and I had corresponded over the past 10 years on and off regarding our connected family tree's. Phil was a distant cousin to my husband, Terry, through the Tidwell line's. Phil was such a great help to me and helped me get through a few "brick" walls I had been working on and made the connection to the Tidwell's in Alabama. We will be forever grateful for his friendship and collaboration on family history - both dear to our hearts. Phil will be sorely missed by all for his great contributions. Thank you for sharing him with us. May God bless your family through this time of grief. Linda & Terry Johnson, Woodstock, GA.

Linda Johnson - November 02, 2011 at 08:33 PM

GW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on your loss. Bobby and I will be thinking of you during this difficult time.

Geraldine Welch - April 26, 2011 at 07:29 AM

JR

“ Miss Tidwell, I'm so sorry to hear this news. You and Mr. Tidwell inspired such a love of history in both Kevin and myself. He was a wonderful educator and Coweta County was lucky to have you both.

Jenny Wood Rasch - April 25, 2011 at 10:31 AM

KC

“ Mrs. Tidwell, Mr. Tidwell was a special teacher. He was always interesting, and enjoyed challenging students to do their best. I just wanted to send a note to let you know I am sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you and your family. Karen Majors Craft NHS '82

Karen Majors Craft - April 22, 2011 at 08:21 PM

MK

“ *Pat, I am so very sorry for your loss. My love and prayers are with you and the boys. Melissa*

Melissa P Key - April 20, 2011 at 11:56 AM

DS

“ *Dear Mrs. Tidwell: I was saddened to hear of your loss. I trust that the memories of all the lives whom your husband's have touched will be a comfort to you. As teachers, both of you have touched and shaped so many lives like mine. With prayers and best wishes, Daniel NHS '82*

Daniel Stowell - April 18, 2011 at 10:23 PM

RM

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Phil. He was always a person that was willing to help a student or any one that was interested in history local or passed he will be deeply missed. God bless your family at this most trying time.*

ray mcknight - April 18, 2011 at 05:43 PM

KM

“ *Mrs. Tidwell, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that I am thinking of you and will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

Kristen Madliak - April 18, 2011 at 03:28 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss...you are in my thoughts and prayers!*

Sara Hunter - April 18, 2011 at 10:39 AM

SW

“ Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could have made it to the memorial service, but I had family obligations. I am not sure when and where, but seeing the picture of Phil, I know I had him as a teacher. That probably explains my love of history! Please know you all are in my prayers and I am here if you need any thing. Susan

Susan Woods - April 18, 2011 at 09:47 AM

JR

“ So sorry to hear about Phil's passing. He and I are related through the Crawford Family. Thanks to him I now know more about my family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Joyce Rowe - April 18, 2011 at 12:27 AM

CH

“ I knew Phil Tidwell from Central High School. Early 70's. He was just the nicest person, good to the students and easy going. Rest In Peace now and I pray for peace to his loved ones he left behind for a while.....

Cindy Hines - April 17, 2011 at 10:19 PM

LF

“ Mrs. Tidwell My continued prayers are with you and your family. I didn't realize your husband was also a History teacher. I can only imagine his brilliance when I think about yours. I know you have your memories to keep him near and dear to your heart. God Bless You..

Lyshon Ferrell - April 17, 2011 at 09:29 PM

SJ

“ *Mr. Tidwell gave me the greatest gift anyone has ever given to me; the love and appreciation of history. I will cherish his memory for the rest of my life.*

Sarah Johnson - April 17, 2011 at 09:20 PM

AH

“ *Dear Pat, We were deeply saddened to learn of Phil's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Austin and Akom. May God be with you and your family in this time of sadness. Ruth, her husband and our one grandchild , a grandson, live just five doors up the street from us and daughter Susan still lives with us... We are blessed in our old age to have all the family near. I think of you and Phil often and all the good times the Newnan High faculty had together over the years. I pray that your treasured memories of Phil will keep you strong.*

Al Henry - April 17, 2011 at 07:42 PM

VF

“ *We were so saddened to hear of Phil's passing. We were so blessed to meet him and Pat on our vacation in August 2000. He touched so many people - either as a high school history teacher or a genealogist and family historian. He reached out to me in 1998 or so when he first started the site for Bethel Methodist and it was so special to me. He will be deeply missed but his contributions will last an eternity. Valerie (Johnson) Freeman Tustin, Orange Co., California*

Valerie Freeman - April 17, 2011 at 04:48 PM

JD

“ Pat, Austin, and Akom, We were so sorry to hear about Phil. (From John) I always enjoyed talking about old guns, the Civil War, and military history with him. Phil was so knowledgeable that I was always able to learn something new and interesting. He always recommended books and other sources for me to investigate. (From Vivian) Phil gave me a great deal of information about my family. I was able to pass it on to an aunt and cousin who enjoy genealogy like Phil did. My aunt framed a picture that he gave me of the Gunn tartan. Phil meant a great deal to all who knew him. He will be missed. Vivian and John

John and Vivian Dunn - April 17, 2011 at 10:54 AM

FF

“ Phil was a wonderful person and teacher! He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the Tidwell family.

Francis Smith Futral - April 16, 2011 at 08:49 PM

GH

“ My wife informed of Phil's passing and I remembered the times when Austin and Philip (my son) had karate lessons at the YMCA. I remember that Phil always had a smile on his face and I admired his jovial character. You all are in our hearts and prayers.

Gary Howard - April 16, 2011 at 05:11 PM

PG

“ So sorry to hear about Phil and thinking of you now. Yes, he was an outstanding teacher!

Polly Garlington - April 16, 2011 at 04:22 PM

CB

“ Pat, You and the kids are in my prayers. I am so sorry about Phil. He was loved by so many students whose lives he touched and by all of us fortunate enough to have taught with him. Know that you are in my thoughts during this time of sorrow. Carla

Carla Brown - April 16, 2011 at 03:34 PM

PH

“ Pat, I am thinking about you and praying for your strength. Phil was always so nice to me. One time he brought me a picture of my Mama that he found in his genealogy work. Take care and know you are on my mind.

peggy hall - April 16, 2011 at 11:14 AM