



## John Richard "Rick" Tamplin

May 19, 1952 - July 15, 2021

John Richard "Rick" Tamplin, 69, passed away on July 15, 2021 at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital after a three month battle with heart failure. He was born May 19, 1952. Growing up in Calhoun, Georgia, he enjoyed all the typical activities of a small town boy: football, basketball, golf, fishing, and anything else he could find to do outside. He especially loved tagging along with his two older brothers, Jimmy and Bobby. His father was a local pharmacist and his mother did the best she could to keep a tight rein on three active, mischievous boys. Rick was the quarterback of the Calhoun High School football team, and he always said that one of his greatest regrets was not being big enough to play college football.

He began his college career at Tulane University, but transferred to the University of Georgia after his sophomore year. He earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Risk Management and Insurance and was president of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a lifelong Bulldog fan and one of his fondest memories was going to the Rose Bowl to cheer them on against Oklahoma in 2018.

Rick was a Senior Vice President of J. Smith Lanier and Company until his retirement in 2019. After his retirement, his passion was golf and he enjoyed traveling to golf courses around the world. He loved his golf buddies like brothers. He spent much of his summers at the family's mountain cottage in Cashiers, North Carolina where he made many close friends at Mountaintop Golf Club. He was a member of Newnan First United Methodist Church.

Rick and his wife, the former Carol Robbins, grew up in the same neighborhood in Calhoun and ran into each other at a soda fountain in a drug store in Dalton where Carol was doing part of her pharmacy internship. He came in the next day to get a milkshake and ask Carol for a date and they were married for 43 years.

The two shining stars in Rick's life were his daughters, Julianne and Sarah. He spoke with them almost every day and was always being called upon by them to "fix things". Rick was a great handyman and giver of advice.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents, James Arthur Tamplin, Sr. and Edyth Tyner Tamplin. He is survived by his wife, Carol Tamplin, daughters Julianne (Mill) Graves and Sarah (Preston) Hagler, three grandchildren, Penn Graves, Eliza Hagler, and Howard Hagler, brothers James Tamplin, Jr.(Suzanne) and Robert Tamplin (Marika), and nieces and nephews.

The service will be Monday morning, July 19th, at 10:00AM at Newnan First United Methodist Church with a reception afterward in the church Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your favorite charity.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church  
33 Greenville Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Reception

JUL 19. 10:45 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church Annex Hall  
33 Greenville Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
<http://www.newnanfumc.org>

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ Rick Tamplin aka Rickey was my first cousin. His mother, Edith Tamplin was my aunt, she was very close to my mother Sarah louis Tyner Westbrook. I just wanted to say that Ricky was very nice to me when I was a youngster. The older kids, including my brother (Samuel Allen Westbrook) didn't want me around.. I also visited Jim "Jimmy Tamplin" on his ship at his US Navy Base in Charleston, SC.

Joseph Westbrook - December 27, 2024 at 09:01 PM

CC

“ Carole Talley - CHS lit a candle in memory of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin



Carole Talley - CHS - March 28, 2023 at 11:03 AM

CC

Rest in Peace, Rick  
CHS  
Carole Talley

Carole Talley - CHS - March 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM

DK

“ I am very sorry to hear about Rick. I worked for him for a year when I graduated college over 20 years ago. He was a great boss and mentor. He had a great laugh, a kind spirit, and I always enjoyed being around him. Please accept my condolences and prayers.

Doug Kersey

Doug Kersey - July 21, 2021 at 08:59 AM

WS

“ I am so sorry to learn of Rick's passing. He was a fine man, someone I admired greatly. Lynn and I did not realize he had been ill. Carol and the girls and families will certainly be in our prayers.

*Winston Skinner  
Newnan*

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**Winston Skinner** - July 20, 2021 at 04:44 PM

RP

“ Julianne- I am saddened to hear the news of the passing of your Dad. Know that I have you and your entire family in my thoughts and prayers and offer my sincere heartfelt sympathy.

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**Rusty Palmer** - July 19, 2021 at 04:36 PM

CD

Sarah,

*I am very saddened by the loss of your dad. You already know that I was blessed to know him because I coached you at Peachtree City Lazars. I know he loved watching his talented, funny daughter play and he wanted to do anything he could do to help bond and look out for any kid and family who had a daughter on our team. He was all about our entire team and making it like a family and **THAT IS INCREDIBLY RARE IN YOUTH SOCCER**. Usually the parents who do approach you and want to talk to you all the time are only doing so for the sake of their own kid and no one else's. Rick was the opposite. He cared about all of the kids, all of his daughter's teammates and he definitely looked out for me as the coach. He didn't have to do so either- because his daughter Sarah was a starter no matter who was coaching that team! So Rick Tamplin could have just sat there, helped no one and just sat back and said, "Yeah, that's my daughter over there with the Pink shoes." "Yeah, the one who just scored on that rocket shot with all the movement-,that's my daughter!" "Good isn't she?" Instead Rick would ask me all the time, "Does the team need anything? " "Are the girls getting along?" He even offered to put the girls up together in some cabin so they could bond together over a shared fun shared experience just to make them closer with one another before we went to US CLUB NATIONALS!*

*What I will never forget about Rick is that he cared about everyone. He used to help me with my Car insurance and then finish it up so fast , then he would ask me about my dad who was sick at the time. He didn't have to do that. He genuinely cared about people. He was the classiest Southern gentleman I ever met. If there was something he could do for you he would already do it for you before you could say no. Then when you would tell him, " Rick, you didn't have to do that" ,he would slickly ignore you by completely changing the subject as if to say,*

*"Look Yankee, just let me do what I do cuz I felt like doing it." "If I didn't like you, I wouldn't even help you at all!" I'd just send you back to Yankeeville" Rick never said that to me because he had way too much class for that. He just changed the subject, smoothly!" Sometimes, he changed the subject twice just to teach me that he was gonna help me and it wasn't even a conversation!*

*Rick Tamplin was definitely one of GOD'S ANGELS HERE ON EARTH SENT TO HELP OTHERS. Nobody can tell me differently!*

*To the entire Tamplin Family, inlaws, etc. I am very sorry for your loss. Every morning you are in my prayers. At this difficult time I definitely hope that you will take a great deal of comfort in knowing that Rick IS ABSOLUTELY IN HEAVEN RIGHT NOW and HE'S PROBABLY*

*TELLING GOD, "HOW CAN I HELP YOU!?"*

*GOD absolutely knew that RICK was one of HIS GREATEST FAITHFUL SERVANTS! You will definitely be seeing Rick again in Heaven. However, Rick will definitely be in FIRST CLASS and I'll be that guy the angels put in the back of the plane and don't let anywhere near THE FIRST CLASS VIP SECTION!*

*May GOD give the entire Tamplin Family Strength and Comfort at this difficult time!*

*Chris Mc Dermott  
Ephesians 2:10*

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**Chris Mc Dermott** - July 27, 2021 at 05:45 PM

PW

“ Dear Carol, Sarah Edyth, and Julianne:

*We are sorry to hear the news of Rick's passing.*

*Our prayers will mention your family.*

*Please allow us to offer our condolences at this sad time.*

*Love,*

*Paul and JoAlice Westbrook*

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**Paul and JoAlice Westbrook** - July 19, 2021 at 02:28 PM

DC

“ Julianne, I was so sorry to hear about Rick's passing. As a fellow employee of J. Smith Lanier & Co., I always admired and respected your dad. My condolences to you and all the Tamplin family. Treasure the memories and rest in knowing that Rick is now made whole and, knowing him, is probably playing the back nine on some heavenly golf course!

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**David Crosby** - July 19, 2021 at 01:28 PM

PJ

“ Hal and I will never forget the time with us in Cartersville! We made so many wonderful memories with you two! So sorry we cannot be with your family today, Will see you very soon❤️ Love and prayers for strength and peace in the coming days. Hal and Patsy Jones

**patsy Jones** - July 19, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ We will always remember how welcoming Rick and Carol were when we moved to Newnan and visited the Agape Sunday school class. Our prayers are with you. Love, Lee and George

**Lee Berry** - July 19, 2021 at 08:59 AM

LD

“ Julianne, you and your entire family are in my heart and prayers. With the deepest condolences, Lisa Dickinson.

**Lisa Dickinson** - July 18, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.



July 17, 2021 at 08:23 PM

JR

“ Carol, Phyllis and I send our condolences. It was a pleasure to know Rick, at leisure, when we were playing golf, or at work, where he was the consummate business administrator. He had the most positive approach to problem solving and attitude toward life in general. He was a joy to be around.

*Phyllis and Jim Rogers*

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**Jim Rogers** - July 17, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.



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July 17, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket* was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.



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July 17, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.



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July 17, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.*



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July 16, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *Fran Lenning lit a candle in memory of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin*



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**Fran Lenning** - July 16, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ *One of my favorite memories is riding around in Mr. Rick's truck on Halloween for a few of my childhood years. He was always smiling, always welcoming, and always ready to have some fun. Love you all so much and will continue the prayers.*

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**Louise Lambert** - July 16, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with Carol and family.*



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**Jennifer & Bob Blackburn** - July 16, 2021 at 04:35 PM

BS

“ All of my childhood memories, “playing” at Granddaddy and Grandmother Tyner’s with my cousin Ricky.....NEVER FORGOTTEN.

*I always thought it was neat that Sam Edwards included Ricky’s High School Football skills as a quarterback in the book that he wrote on the Jimmy Carter White House.*

*Rest In Peace Cousin!*

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**Beth Tyner Straton** - July 16, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.



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July 16, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.



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July 16, 2021 at 10:48 AM

PG

“ Carol, Jack and I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Pamela K Giles** - July 16, 2021 at 10:25 AM

LE

“ *Lindy Erwin lit a candle in memory of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin*



Lindy Erwin - July 16, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.*



July 16, 2021 at 09:18 AM

JW

“ *Carol and family, I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Thinking of you all.*

Jennifer Welch - July 16, 2021 at 01:01 AM

BW

“ *We are so very sorry to hear this sad news. Please accept our sincere condolences.*



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - July 15, 2021 at 09:58 PM

KG

“ Carol, All of you are in my prayers  
Rick was the most genuine person I have ever met.  
Please know that I am thinking of you all.

Kay Glover - July 15, 2021 at 06:52 PM

BB

“ Bobby, Marika and Bo purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of John Richard "Rick" Tamplin.



Bobby, Marika and Bo - July 15, 2021 at 06:42 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Ricky & Deborah Marchman

Deborah Marchman - July 15, 2021 at 06:03 PM

BC

“ Rick was a member of the Board of Directors of Bank of Coweta for many years and fulfilled this role in a very professional way. He was always present at meetings and gave his support to the bank and it's team members. What an outstanding job he did! It was a real pleasure to serve with him. I was so shocked to learn of Rick's death and want to offer my sincere sympathy and prayers to Carol and the rest of his family. May God bless you and strengthen you in the days ahead.

Brenda B Clark - July 15, 2021 at 03:04 PM