



John Thomas Skalski

November 2, 1964 - October 14, 2016

John Thomas Skalski, 51, from Argyle Texas, passed away suddenly on Friday, October 14, 2016 at his home in Sharpsburg, Georgia from a heart attack.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 21, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan. Services to celebrate John's life will be held on Saturday, October 22, at 4:00pm at SouthCrest Church located in Newnan, Georgia.

John was born in Orlando Florida to Thomas and Margaret Skalski on November 2, 1964. He attended Oklahoma University and the University of North Texas.

His former wife and friend, Mary Ellen Skalski resides in Texas with their loving daughter, Caitlin Sloan. He is also survived by Sherri Skalski with whom he recently celebrated 21 years of marriage. They have two loving children; Brenna Elizabeth and James Thomas.

John is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Skalski and survived by his mother, Margaret Skalski; his sisters, Annamarie Ferguson, Lisa Skalski and Wendy Foster.

John had a successful career as a Supply Chain Sales Professional in Global Logistics - the majority of which were with Burlington Air Express and Ceva Logistics.

John also had a dream early on of opening a daycare and he helped make this a reality with the opening of Stonebridge Early Learning Center nine years ago.

One of John's true passions was working with young people. John coached youth league football and softball for more than 10 years. He was instrumental in the development of a scholarship program with the Sharpsburg Stallions so more young athletes had an opportunity to participate in the sport he loved so much.

They say the measure of a man is not how he died, but how he lived. Not what did he gain, but what did he give?

In John's case, that isn't hard to account for. John Skalski GAVE so much of himself to everyone he met; at work, at home and in the community. He always greeted everyone with a kind smile and loving spirit.

All he loved he loved with complete abandon. His happiest moments were either with his family, on a sports field or working in the yard of the home he loved so dearly.

The family requests that all feel free to come in a shirt or hat or any sports memorabilia in honor of his love for this period of his life. He will be missed by many but his legacy will live forever in our hearts.

Rather than flowers the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Sharpsburg Stallions/Sharpsburg Youth Football, P.O. Box 1568, Sharpsburg, GA 30277. Condolences can be sent to the family online at

www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 38 Jackson Street Newnan GA 30263
770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

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Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM (ET)

SouthCrest Church
365 International Park
Newnan, GA 30265
(770) 252-4446
hello@southcrest.tv
<http://www.southcrest.tv>

Tribute Wall

RL

“*Jamie, just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. Your father was a great man and I admired his dedication and energy that he brought to coaching youth football back in the packer days! He was one of a kind and I'm glad I was able to know him. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you during this tough time. Ron, Lisa and Brody Lloyd*”

Ron Lloyd - October 21, 2016 at 07:59 PM

KB

“*I remember John always with a big smile. A guy's guy. Absolutely loving being involved with his kids sports, NASCAR, and the guy who could win anyone over. His special gift. I remember him asking for help to find Sherri the perfect I love you gift, being the energy in every gathering, and everyone's cheerleader. All good stuff.*”

kristin boland - October 21, 2016 at 07:33 PM

NB

“*John had a positive impact on every person he came across. He was one of the most genuinely good-hearted people I've ever met and his sense of humor and attitude were contagious. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sherri, Jamie, Brenna, and Caitlin.*”

Nic Blankenship - October 21, 2016 at 05:15 PM

RH

So very sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers. Robyn and Clayton Hicks.

Robyn Hicks - October 22, 2016 at 11:04 AM

TK

“ *The Collis Family: Sammy, Tammie, and Katie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Thomas Skalski.*



The Collis Family: Sammy, Tammie, and Katie - October 21, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thomas Skalski.*



October 21, 2016 at 10:17 AM

KR

“ *My sincere condolences at your loss, I pray the Lord will comfort and lift you up in the days to follow.*

*Sincerely,
Karen Reynolds*

Karen Reynolds - October 21, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John Thomas Skalski.*



October 21, 2016 at 08:29 AM

MC

“ Mike, Susan & Sarah Colwell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Thomas Skalski.



Mike, Susan & Sarah Colwell - October 20, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ 196 files added to the album LifeTributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 20, 2016 at 03:38 PM

GT

“ Georgia State University Softball Team purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John Thomas Skalski.



Georgia State University Softball Team - October 20, 2016 at 03:37 PM



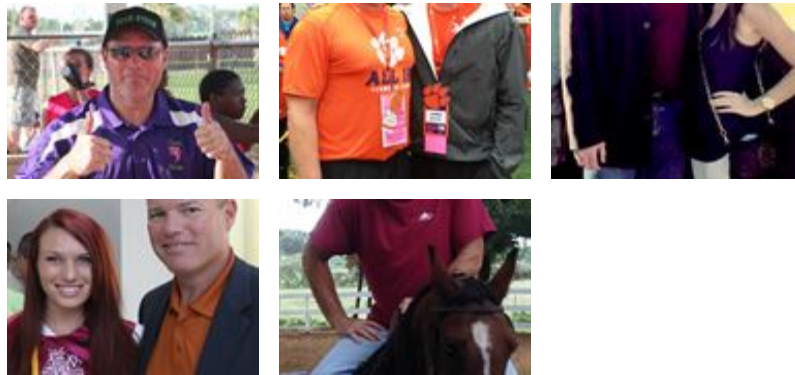
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Skalski.*



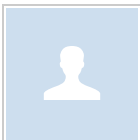
October 20, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *7 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 20, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thomas Skalski.*



October 20, 2016 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ Dear Sherri and Family,

Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time. For the short time we knew John since becoming neighbors, we were blessed to have enjoyed his "larger than life" personality, unconditional kindness, and appreciate - most of all - his love and pride in his family and his home. We will miss him greatly and shall always remember him.

Susan and John Swanson

Susan Swanson - October 20, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Thomas Skalski.*



October 20, 2016 at 10:42 AM

CB

“ *Coach John was a great man who made a huge impact on my life. From packer ball to working in his yard, he taught me lessons that will stay with me forever. John touched everybody's life that he came into contact with and lit up every room that he walked in. Prayers go out to Sherri, Jamie, and Brenna, as well as all of the other people who have been impacted by John.*

Caleb Blankenship - October 20, 2016 at 09:32 AM

JJ

“ I will always remember John at Easter dinner. He always brought a written blessing and would come into the kitchen and say "can I do the blessing". We would circle in the living room holding hands, usually 20+ and give thanks led by John. Then he was first to the table!

judy jefferson - October 19, 2016 at 06:38 PM

TO

“ John was an incredible man. He was awesome on the field and with the girls. They all loved him. Thank you for sharing him with us. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. It breaks my heart. Rest in peace John and thank you for the memories.

Teresa OBrien - October 19, 2016 at 02:23 PM

RB

“ If there were a star for every life He inspired, Look into the night, His will be the brightest And the rest will be forever. John's spirit lives in the many lives he touched!
My sincerest prayers for Sheri, Jamie and Brenna and all that were close to Him.

Ree Blankenship

Ree Blankenship - October 19, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ John was a totally amazing individual who not only loved his family, but every softball player he came in contact with. His passion on the field, and off, will never be forgotten by those of us who had the pleasure of witnessing this. "Thank you", to his family, for sharing him with all of us out at S.R.S.A. Our hearts go out to you ♡

Regina Sechrest - October 19, 2016 at 01:19 PM

MM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. John was always a positive influence on the children he coached and we will always appreciate that. Love, The McPhie Family

Marylyn McPhie - October 19, 2016 at 09:37 AM

BH

“ John was an awesome person with a big heart. He loved his children very much and was so proud to be a father. John had the best sense of humor and would never let a day go by without cheering others up. I have great memories of working with John at CEVA and him dressing up for Christmas in a Santa suit to bring joy to the world and keeping the morale of others high. God has a good one, John was a man of faith and we would sometimes pray together. He was an excellent, funny guy and loved his family so much, he really sincerely was so proud of his kids. He will be greatly missed by many.

Barbara Hinderer - October 18, 2016 at 01:08 PM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. John was always smiling, positive, and such a pleasure to be around. He will truly be missed.

Kevin and Christy Cobbs

Kevin and Christy Cobbs - October 18, 2016 at 12:48 PM

DM

“ John was an awesome guy, he always had a smile on his face. He never walked by you without saying hi. I worked with John for many years at BAX Global and CEVA. God has another good one. You will be missed John. Love Debbie Maclsaac

Debbie Maclsaac - October 18, 2016 at 07:26 AM

NB

“ John was a fabulous guy who loved his children. We talked every week at work about colleges and sports for them quite often. He will be remembered as a great teammate as well

Nick Byers - October 17, 2016 at 10:13 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. John was a great guy and fun to work with. He will be greatly missed.

Michelle Sizemore - October 17, 2016 at 08:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Thomas Skalski.



October 17, 2016 at 01:31 PM

WM

“ My Deepest condolences & Prayers goes out to the family, It was a Blessing knowing John we worked together for years , he was such a cheerful & respectable person Always smiling He will be Missed by many.

Wanacca Moore - October 17, 2016 at 11:26 AM

NT

“ I have volunteered with John for several years at the Sharpsburg Stallions, and the man was always about making everyone better and successful both on and off the football field. His smile and upbeat attitude was always dependable. He will be missed by many, both young and old.

Nathan Taylor - October 17, 2016 at 09:52 AM

DM

“ Jamie I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I met you at the beginning of football camp this past August when the fantasy campers we attending and you made a great impression on me at dinner. If there is anything I can do please let me know ask know this is an extremely hard time. I have you and your family in my prayers. There are no words to take away the pain or the feelings of hollowness with such a devastating blow but you are a great person due to your father's influence. He is still with you and still very proud of the young man you are and will be watching over you as you make your path through life. My prayers for you as a sister in tiger hood.

Donna Mousa

donna mousa - October 17, 2016 at 04:41 AM

DW

“ Sherri, Brenna, and James,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

*Darlene Williams
Northgate Athletics*

Darlene Williams - October 16, 2016 at 06:17 PM