



Robert Thomas Trammell, Sr.

February 9, 1939 - July 26, 2016

Robert Thomas Trammell, 77, of Luthersville died Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at Harbor Grace Hospice in Atlanta, following a hemorrhagic stroke he suffered at home in Luthersville. Mr. Trammell was born in Coweta County, near Luthersville, on February 9, 1939, to the late James Young Trammell, Sr. and Carney Jane Hunter Trammell. He attended school in Luthersville for 10 years and graduated from Newnan High School in 1957. He earned the baccalaureate degree Magna Cum Laude from Mercer University, a master's degree from the University of Florida, and a doctorate degree from Auburn University. He began his professorial career at Truett-McConnell College, where he met his future wife, Menlia Faye Moss. He was subsequently on the faculty for several years at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton. In 1969, he went to Macon College (now Middle Georgia State University) as Head of the Faculty of English. In 1970, he was named Chair of the Humanities Division, and in 1977 he became the Academic Dean of the college. He served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs there for 22 years. Under his leadership, an award-winning Honors Program and three baccalaureate programs were established. Mr. Trammell retired in 1998 in order to return home to Luthersville to care for his mother, who had Alzheimer's Disease. In January 1999, Mr. Trammell became mayor of Luthersville, a position he held until his death. He was a proud ambassador for the city, maintaining Luthersville as a good place to live. A member of Central Baptist Church in Newnan, he was President of the Myrtle Arnall

Mann Sunday school class. He had also served as a deacon at Luthersville Baptist; First Baptist, Macon; and Central Baptist, Newnan. The funeral service will be on Saturday, July 30, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, Newnan with Dr. Winford Hendrix, Rev. Rhodes Skinner and Rev. Winston Skinner officiating. Interment will follow at the Luthersville City Cemetery. The body will lie in repose for public viewing at City Hall in Luthersville from 1-3pm on Friday, July 29, 2016. Visitation will follow on Friday, July 29, 2016, from 6-8pm at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan. Survivors include his wife, Menlia Trammell, whom he married December 20, 1970; daughter and son-in-law, Carmen and Jonathan Skaggs of Marietta; son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Jenny Trammell of Luthersville; granddaughters, Mary and Virginia Trammell of Luthersville; grandsons, Nathan and Logan Skaggs of Marietta; sister and brother-in-law, Sara Jane and Walter Skinner of Moreland; brother and sister-in-law, Young and Linda Trammell of Conyers; nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter, 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 550, Atlanta, Georgia, 30346 (www.alz.org/georgia/) or the Meriwether Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, Box 576, Luthersville, Georgia, 30251. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Luthersville Cemetery

13 Church Street
Luthersville, GA 30251

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Luthersville City Hall

Visitation

JUL 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *To the Trammell Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of sadness. We always enjoyed being with "Uncle Bob" during church activities at Mt. Zion Baptist and Carmel Methodist when he attended various functions. May God comfort all of you during this time.*

Bettie & P.J. Calhoun

Bettie Calhoun - July 30, 2016 at 10:53 PM

JW

“ *I have very fond memories of Bob as a fellow student at Newnan High School and as a fellow student at Mercer University. I have not had contact with the Trammel family in many years, but have great honor for their legacy of learning and serving. Condolences to the family during this time of loss.* *Jane Hatchett Wilson*



Jane Hatchett Wilson - July 30, 2016 at 10:29 AM

MF

“ *Mary E Clayton & Family (the Render Fami lit a candle in memory of Robert Thomas Trammell, Sr.*



Mary E Clayton & Family (the Render Fami - July 29, 2016 at 11:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Thomas Trammell, Sr..*



July 29, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *Your family has been in my thoughts and prayers so since learning about Mr. Trammell's sudden illness and death. The world seems a bit more still and less secure. He was a strong presence in our lives, and TMC was better because he was there when we were. I remember that hearty laugh, the demand for excellence, but also the kind and graceful look in his face. I especially remember how he never said Luth-ERS-ville.....it was more Luth-UZ-vul. He said it in such a way that I knew it was a special place to him, so I wasn't surprised when he became the "May-uh". My heart is broken for your loss; just be proud that one you loved made the world a better place, and now Heaven has gained another believer.*

*Ann Hunt Wood-Chapman, Hiawassee, Ga.
TMC 1962-64*

ann hunt wood chapman - July 29, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *Sending our love and prayers of comfort during this time.
Eddie and Helen (Combs) Williford*

Helen Wiliford - July 28, 2016 at 06:23 PM

MA

“ *Heaven have truly gained an angel that meant so much to the city of Lutherville and the surrounding communities. Thanks for being the person that I had great respect for and I trust that the community feel the same and your leadership will continue on.*

*Mary Amey and Family
Lutherville Social Club
Lutherville Senior Center*

Mary Amey - July 28, 2016 at 03:07 PM

RC

“ *Douglas and I thought so much of Bob Trammell. He was a great teacher and friend.*

Menlia, our hearts are heavy and sad with yours.

Douglas and Rebecca Collins

Rebecca Collins - July 28, 2016 at 01:11 PM

ER

“ *I knew this great man as mayor Robert trammell. Nearly 8 years working as a police officer, his words of wisdom and would derful advisee will never go away. This man was an inspiration to me. He was a very kind, caring, loving family man. He will be missed dearly.*

Eric - July 28, 2016 at 11:41 AM

“If we are fortunate, we encounter people who impact us in profound, lasting and positive ways for the remainder of our days. These people become our “touchstone” personalities in life. One of those people for me was Robert T. Trammell.

Bob Trammell was my English and speech professor at Truett-McConnell College, and well before he was no longer my teacher, he had become a friend, mentor and prized advisor. He was a masterful teacher, and spoke with a deep Southern accent that marked people who were born and raised in middle Georgia. He enjoyed a distinctive laugh, which all of us who knew him recognized instantly. As I sat in his English and speech classes, I always marveled at his knowledge and competence. He was an avid ambassador for the English language and projected a missionary zeal intent on persuading his students to seek some language mastery. He loved giving us examples of how good English could enable us, while poor language skills could be a hindrance in life. He also could be intolerant of those who chose to “murder” the English language in his presence. He inspired many of us to try harder to speak and write the language well.

In my second year at Truett, Bob was the yearbook advisor, and I a co-editor of the yearbook. That activity brought me in almost daily contact with “Mr. Trammell.” I spent hours in his office seeking advice about life, about “what to do next” and about careers. I eventually chose a career in journalism, and part of that decision was influenced by the experiences in his classes and editing a yearbook under his leadership. After college, I wrote or called him for counsel dozens of times across the years, especially during my career. I always wanted to know what Mr. Trammell thought about this or that career move.

After I retired and returned Georgia, I was able to see Bob Trammell and his wife Menlia (a Truett classmate) more regularly. I loved greeting him as “Mr. Mayor,” which always evoked a big smile and sometimes he treated me to his distinctive, contagious laugh.

It is difficult to say goodbye to someone who has been as special as this man was. He was a "standard setter." He represents the standard by which many of us who knew him have tried to live our lives. It is hard to imagine our world without Bob Trammell in it. We yearn that Mr. Trammell (2 Kings 2:9) will impart, "twice the share of his spirit upon us." I, for one, am so proud to be a part of his legacy.

Barry W. Jones, Athens, Ga.

Barry W. Jones - July 28, 2016 at 11:07 AM

BW

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Dr. Trammell. He lived a long life and contributed so much to his community--making the world a better place. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Bobby and Geraldine Welch - July 28, 2016 at 06:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Thomas Trammell, Sr..*



July 27, 2016 at 03:45 PM

MJ

“ Bob was one of the good guys. He was always upbeat and had a kind word for everyone. He was respectful to all the people he met. I am proud to say he was my roommate at Mercer University in the fall of 1957 our freshman year. He was a outstanding student who became a great educator, teacher, tutor in his field of choice. He made me a better student even though I could not compete with him academically. I am so sad that I will not see him again on this side. He was always my friend. I know he is with his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ and is in peace with much joy in heaven. Our family sends our condolences and prayers to Melina, Carmen, Bob, Jr. and the entire Trammell Family. He will be missed by all. He made the earth a better place while he was with us. Bob Trammell, Sr. was a great man. I will always miss him. Love and Respect to each of you. Maynard D. Barker, Jr. and Family, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Maynard D. Barker, Jr - July 27, 2016 at 03:42 PM

SF

“ Shawn, Stephanie, and Cecilia Flanagan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Thomas Trammell, Sr..



Shawn, Stephanie, and Cecilia Flanagan - July 27, 2016 at 02:08 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Thomas Trammell, Sr..



July 27, 2016 at 01:21 PM