



## Thomas Albert Bridges

June 29, 1945 - April 24, 2020

Thomas Albert "Tom" Bridges, 74, of Carrollton, Georgia and formally of Newnan, Georgia died unexpectedly on April 24, 2020 at Atlanta Medical Center. Tom was born June 29, 1945 in Newnan, Georgia to Stanford and Olive Garner Bridges and grew up in the small community of Welcome in western Coweta county where he graduated in 1963 from Western High School. After attending Auburn University then West Georgia College, now University of West Georgia (UWG), he entered the Georgia National Guard serving for many years. Tom became a passionate fan of West Georgia College athletics in 1980 and it became his passion in life attending every home and away football game for close to 40 years. He was president of the football booster club for several years, a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, and was later named President Emeritus of the booster club. His passion for West Georgia was unmatched and will be missed by his group of longtime friends, "the boys", that tailgated together and enjoyed many good times regardless of the outcome of the games or the truth of the tall tales spun on Saturday afternoons. Tom also helped stoke the rivalry with Valdosta State University with the creation of the "Battle for the Peach Basket" with the winner of the game taking the peach basket along with bragging rights for the year. Tom was a devoted father, grandfather, son, brother and friend that was known for his quick wit and his knowledge of "useless information" as he would like to say. He always had a funny story that would entertain anyone even if they had heard the story many times before. He was never afraid to

share his opinion, especially to Gulf South Conference Referees.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Kenny. He is survived by his son Ben and daughter-in-law Marjorie of Charlotte, North Carolina, granddaughters Garner and Wallace who loved their "BB" very much, his sisters Cheryl (Doug) Sheppard and Nancy Johnson both of Newnan, Georgia. The family would like to express gratitude to those who have provided him with care and support in recent years particularly his companion or "Lady Friend" Peggy Grubbs and his kind neighbor Dee and her family. Because of current restrictions with COVID-19 there are no immediate plans for a celebration of his life but there will be an informal service planned for a future date, hopefully before a UWG game as that is where he will be in spirit. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the University of West Georgia Athletic Foundation at [www.giving.westga.edu](http://www.giving.westga.edu) .

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

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# Previous Events

## Service

APR 26.

Service planned for later date

# Tribute Wall

DN

“ *It's been over a year since the passing of Tom. I miss my friend. I served with him on the UWG booster club. I was shocked when I heard he passed but Covid really changed our lives. Rest In Peace my friend. Donnie*

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**Donald Newsom** - August 09, 2021 at 10:19 PM

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**Peggy Grubbs** - August 10, 2020 at 09:03 AM

FS

*It breaks my heart to learn of Tom's passing. I just found out. We worked together at a few places in the tire business over the years. I tell people things he said and did all the time. We loved to argue politics. You meet a lot of good people who are characters in your life and Tom was one I loved and will never forget. I'm so sorry to hear he passed. Prayers for all who knew him. He will be missed.*

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**Frank Stephens** - April 07, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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**Peggy Grubbs** - August 10, 2020 at 09:03 AM

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**Peggy Grubbs** - August 10, 2020 at 09:02 AM

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**Peggy Grubbs** - August 10, 2020 at 09:01 AM

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“ Tom aged into a being with a beautiful soul. I was privileged to share that time of life with him. For all who loved him, he leaves a void that can never be filled.



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**Peggy Grubbs** - August 10, 2020 at 08:55 AM

JB

“ We'll miss our driveway chats with Tom. So glad we got to be his "across the way neighbors" for as long as we did.

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**Jennifer & Brett** - May 05, 2020 at 09:08 PM

BS

“ Cheryl and Nancy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and Ben and his family. Please give Benn our condolences the next time you are able to talk with him. Carolyn and Brad Sears

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**Bradford Sears** - May 02, 2020 at 03:12 PM

LC

“ Lynn Covera lit a candle in memory of Thomas Albert Bridges



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**Lynn Covera** - April 29, 2020 at 12:49 AM

BA

“ Sorry to hear about Tommy. Enjoyed the time we had together in the Guard. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Billy Arnall

**billy arnall** - April 28, 2020 at 02:12 PM

JB

“ Praying for ya'll. Tommy was truly a fantastic story teller, I could always count on hearing a new or altered story every year at the reunion! He will be missed.

**Joey Bridges** - April 28, 2020 at 07:50 AM

LY

“ Will always remember working on the yearbook pictures with him. He was fun to be around. Prayers for the family.

**Linda Yarborough** - April 27, 2020 at 10:35 PM

RP

“ Raymond and David Payton are very sorry about the passing of Tommy. We send our condolences and sympathy to Nancy and Cheryl. He will be remembered fondly.

**Raymond Payton** - April 27, 2020 at 06:41 PM

JJ

“ You were my oldest and dearest friend. I will miss our crazy conversations so much. You are missed...



**jan jacobs** - April 27, 2020 at 12:47 PM

TP

“ My husband, Steve, and I considered Tom a good friend. We enjoyed his humor and quick wit. He always had a story and/or a funny comment for every circumstance. He sure did enjoy his West Georgia football and all his friends who loved it as much as he did. We will miss him so much and you have our condolences. Theresa Pulver

Theresa Pulver - April 27, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MS

“ Nancy and Cheryl, I am so sorry for your loss! You are in my thoughts and prayers

Margaret Smith Shaddix - April 27, 2020 at 07:48 AM

DD

“ Nancy and Cheryl, I am so sorry for your loss of Tommy. My entire family loves you all. You are in our prayers.

Dianne Dutton - April 26, 2020 at 10:44 PM

WT

“ Wilson And Jane Treadwell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Albert Bridges



Wilson and Jane Treadwell - April 26, 2020 at 10:40 PM

SW

“ Cheryl and Nancy, i am so sorry for your loss. Tommy was a good person and i know you will miss him very much. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Sylvia Wilson

Sylvia Wilzon - April 26, 2020 at 09:15 PM