



Thomas Alan Broadwater

December 4, 1991 - June 8, 2009

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Thomas Broadwater

Thomas Broadwater, 17, of Newnan died Monday, June 8, 2009 at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston of complications associated with his Cystic Fibrosis.

Thomas was a member of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church in Newnan.

Thomas was an Honors Student at Northgate High School where he had just completed his junior year. His passion in his education was technology where he particularly excelled in math, robotics and computers. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Academic Bowl and also a math tutor to his fellow students. He was also involved in many community programs. He was chosen to participate in the Governor's Honors Technology program as a sophomore, a true honor. He was also a student at the Central Educational Center where he was captain of the B.E.S.T. Robotics team that finished second place in the state competition.

The funeral is Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 11:00 am at Newnan First United Methodist Church, 33 Greenville St, with Rev. Jim Dixon, Dr. David Campbell, & Rev. Jay Hodges officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The visitation is Friday evening between 6:00 – 8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA. Rather than flowers, the family has asked

that memorial contributions be made to either Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund, 4301 Roscoe Rd, Newnan, GA 30263 or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation www.cff.org, 2302 Parklake Drive, Suite 210, Atlanta, GA 30345.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

He is survived by his parents, Alan & Judy Broadwater of Newnan; sister, Allison Broadwater; grandparents, Ralph & Patsy Broadwater of Cragford, AL, Rev. Horace Couch of Newnan.

He was an inspiration to all the lives he touched. He will be greatly missed by all.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

PC

“ patsy and ralph so sorry to hear of your grandson's death. you may not remember we lived next door to you and went through your son bill's death many years ago. i recently lost my 21 yr old granddaughter in a horrible auto wreck. my heart goesout to you all. i have left my email address and would love to hear from you. peggy cloud lawhorne

peggy cloud - June 20, 2009 at 11:37 PM

SF

“ My prayers are with your entire family at the time. It is so hard to see a young person die. I didn't know Thomas but I believe we are distantly related. My parents were Dan and Jerry Broadwater from Chattanooga. And if my memory is correct, Ralph and Patsy are my cousins. We didn't grow up together but I remember Uncle Ralph or Uncle Pete as we called him. My Daddy was his brother, along with Cliff, Jimmy, and Mary. So even though I don't know any of you I still feel as if a part of me has passed on and my family. So my prayers are with you and I know God will cover you with His grace at this difficult time.

Susan Broadwater Flood - June 18, 2009 at 09:00 PM

EF

“ This was such an intelligent young man!! I know he brought you all joy. He accomplished a lot and I know you are a proud parents. I leave you my condolence. I know Thomas is in heaven watching over you all. I know Thomas will be missed. I am very sorry and wish you all the best and always remember you can carry him in your heart forever. God bless!!!

Edwards Family - June 15, 2009 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ To the Broadwater Family, Thomas was an amazing and smart young man. It was a pleasure caring for him during his time at Egleston. I feel so blessed to have known him and his family. He was a true inspiration to all. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I believe I will see all my special friends from 5West again!! God Bless you all, Jessica Scott

Jessica Scott - June 14, 2009 at 03:44 PM

SC

“ Please accept our condolences on the passing of Thomas. We knew him when he was a student at Madras Middle School. Mileigh and Mindy were friends of his and I had met him through the school and Mileigh and Mindy. He was a special and amazing friend to all. We will lift your family up in prayer.

Sherry, Mileigh, Mindy and Wendy Carlyle - June 13, 2009 at 11:19 PM

LH

“ Thomas brought a contagious smile to us at Northgate and evoked a true respect. He modeled so many positive characteristics and will certainly be missed. We send our prayers and trust God to bring you comfort in the many memories of Thomas and his accomplishments.

Lynette Harper - June 13, 2009 at 05:23 PM

KS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kelly and Tracy

Kelly and Tracy Sprayberry - June 13, 2009 at 05:18 PM

EW

“ Please know that we have you in our prayers. We know what it is to have the hurt that comes with the death of a child. We went through this with the loss of our 16 yr. old grandson. It has been 10 years but the pain, although not as sharp, is still with us and our daughter's family. Thomas, no doubt, made an impact with his presence and I know you are proud of that. I pra that this will give you some comfort. Lois and Ed Wyrick

Ed and Lois Wyrick - June 12, 2009 at 05:23 PM

BM

“ What comfort can we say to a family who has lost a son, grandson, and brother? He is sick no more...in the arms of Jesus. God bless you all.

Bill and Rachel Moore - June 12, 2009 at 04:07 PM

AS

“ We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best. -Aristotle If Aristotle is correct then Thomas lived more than anybody else, because he was always noble, always thinking, and he was the best. He will be missed more than words can relate, he was the most caring young man I have ever had the pleasure of getting to know. My prayers are with all of you. God bless. ? We love you Thomas!

Amber Seguin - June 12, 2009 at 03:51 PM

HH

“ Dear Alan & Family- I was so sad & shocked to hear the tragic news about Thomas. I have been thinking of you & praying for your entire family all week. Although I was unaware of his condition, I realize how tough it is to deal with that for such a long time. My daughter was tested for CF when she was a toddler, and that was the longest, most stressful week of my life, waiting on the results. Fortunately, she was negative for the disease. I have donated to the CF foundation since that time. Thomas was indeed a very intelligent young man, with a a bright future. I lost my younger sister to a brain tumor at a similar age, so I know how tough it is to cope. I am sure that your strong faith in God will help you pull through. May God bless the entire family in this time of sorrow.

Hal Holloway - June 12, 2009 at 01:21 PM

FR

“ I am so sorry for your loss, having lost several children in our family to CF we completely understand your pain. May God be with you as you heal and may He give you peace as the days, months and yrs go by. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family during this time.

Frances - June 12, 2009 at 12:27 AM

PC

“ From the first time that I met Thomas at the CF center, it was obvious that Thomas had a special spark. Whenever I had the privilege of taking care of him, he always made my day better just by being a joy to be around. Thomas was wonderfully intelligent, but I really enjoyed his mischievous grin and witty repartee. He always made me smile. Thomas will always have a special place in my heart. Please know that I will be praying for you all.

Piper Cordrey - June 11, 2009 at 11:13 PM

FB

“ I will miss his smile, his funny way of dealing with me, and his visits to my room just to talk. With great sadness----

Fran Bilon - June 11, 2009 at 10:14 PM

JE

“ What a wonderful son; we are sure you are so proud of Thomas' accomplishments in his short life. We don't have the words to express our sadness at your loss. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. James and Marilyn Eason

James Eason - June 11, 2009 at 09:47 PM

SE

“ Dear Broadwater Family - Our hearts ache with your loss of Thomas. We remember him as a lively little boy in our Fairburn days, but see from the news story that he has grown into a smart, wonderful young man. How proud you must be! We pray for God's comfort and His peace to be with each of you now and in the coming days. "Strength for each day and bright hope for tomorrow. Great is His Faithfulness!" Love to all, Mike, Suzanne, Dave and Haley Eidson

Suzanne Eidson - June 11, 2009 at 04:51 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Thomas. Your family will be in my prayers and thoughts. Judy you and Alan are great parents and Allison a wonderful sister. He was so blessed to have parents like you and you were blessed to have a wonderful son.

Jeannie Smrcina - June 11, 2009 at 03:03 PM

KF

“ *Broadwater family, I am sorry for the loss of your son and brother, Thomas. He was an exceptional person and will be truly missed. I was Thomas' World History teacher and was amazed by his intellect and his spirit. He was an inspiration to me and I will never forget him. Your family is in my prayers. I hope you find comfort in knowing what a special person he was and that he had a positive impact on all who knew him. God Bless, Kim Fortner*

Kim Fortner - June 11, 2009 at 10:18 AM

IM

“ *TO THE BROADWATER FAMILY WE OFFER OUT HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF NEED FROM THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. STAY STRONG AND MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU. FROM THE MCKEE FAMILY IVAN, SHARON & DARMITA.*

IVAN MCKEE - June 11, 2009 at 09:48 AM

SP

“ *Alan, Judy and Allison, Please know that our prayers are with you, as they have always been. Faith, Family and Friends will see you thru this time of sorrow. Thomas was a very special person. Full of life and always striving for the best. One of my best memories will be Thomas, Allison and our girls playing outside with their mud boots on. He will always be in our hearts. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling in heaven. Steven, Arleen, Sara, April and Kristen*

Steven & Arleen Pauff - June 11, 2009 at 08:43 AM

SP

“ Obviously there are no words that can come close to conveying the ache that we share with you. But our hearts also take comfort in knowing that Thomas is, for the first time in his life, living peacefully without C-F, and we take joy in knowing that God gave him to two parents who loved him and took wonderful care of him during his brief stop here on earth. I give thanks that you all have a deep-rooted faith to lift you up and carry you through this, and our prayers are for love, healing and looking forward to that glorious day in heaven when your entire family will be once again whole. We love you guys so very, very much.

Scott & KC Pollak - June 11, 2009 at 08:13 AM

SW

“ I used to substitute teach for your son at Northgate and he was always such a good student and such a nice young man. He accomplished a lot in his short lifetime and I know that you all must have wonderful memories of him. I will be praying for your entire family during this time of sadness and may God bless you.
Sincerely, S. Weegar

Susan Weegar - June 11, 2009 at 02:11 AM

TP

“ Thomas Broadwater was a best friend anyone would have been glad to have. Not only did he charm each person he came into contact with, but also impacted their life in ways unimaginable. He was a great individual that gave you a smile no matter what situation you encountered. It was my pleasure to spend most of my time with such a wonderful person. He enjoyed so much and accomplished so much. He was loved by all. He made a friend of every person he met. I, myself, was changed by my best friend through the many things he did everyday which changed my life. Thomas loved his family and friends more than anything and knew how to enjoy being with them. I also had the pleasure to see and be with him while he succeeded in his goals of traveling abroad, making GHP, and surpassing others in his field of robotics. Thomas was not merely a best friend, but a brother, one that will be in my heart forever. I love you bud -Trey Mr and Mrs. Broadwater and Allison, Thomas touched everyone and will be missed by everyone. Thank you for letting me spend time with such an amazing son you had. Thank you and best wishes- Trey

Trey Price - June 10, 2009 at 11:52 PM

GA

“ Judy & Alan, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Ginger (Gay) Adams

Ginger (Gay) Adams - June 10, 2009 at 09:22 PM

BJ

“ We grieve with you in Thomas's passing. We praise the Lord for delivering him from CF and rejoice that he is with his Creator. May the Lord be your strength, hope, comfort, and joy. We trust that Thomas's life will continue to touch the lives of others. He has touched ours though we have never met. Mother of 4 children, 2 who have CF, Brandi Jones

Brandi Jones - June 10, 2009 at 09:15 PM

ST

“ I have been thinking and praying for you guys since the last time I saw you at the hospital! I will truly miss Thomas and your family! You are an inspiration to me and I will never forget you. May God bless you always! With much love Sarah As I continue to say, you know that Thomas is now in " Harvard Heaven"

Sarah Tramonte - June 10, 2009 at 08:50 PM

JC

“ we are so upset to hear about thomas. trey will miss him so much.michelle let us know today. our prayers are with you at this time.the crenshaws,treys aunt and uncle miss him so much. We are praying for trey and for thomas' family. Jimmy , Janice and Jamie Crenshaw

janice Crenshaw - June 10, 2009 at 08:00 PM

RN

“ Thomas was the smartest CF patient I have taken care of in my 30 years of working at Egleston. He had goals and plans but God had a very special plan for him. I am so glad I knew him and I will remember him always. He reminded me so much of my son, also a Governor's Honors student. My son got to meet Thomas as he shadowed Dr Schechter as a med student and was touched by him. I do believe that we will see all of our "CF angels" again someday. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Renee Neiner - June 10, 2009 at 03:55 PM

VR

“ Alan & Judy, My heart is so heavy for your loss and words are not enough to comfort, but I pray God will give you the strength and the courage to get thru this and that he will pull you closer together as a family. With much sorrow, Valerie (Stanford) Richardson

Valerie Richardson - June 10, 2009 at 02:26 PM

RE

“ We would like to express our sympathies to your family at this time. Thomas' light will always shine brightly. I had the pleasure of meeting him once at Trey Price's house and remember what a personable young man being my first impression. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family at your time of need.

Roger & Cynthia Elmgreen - June 10, 2009 at 12:05 PM

CL

“ Alan, Judy, Allison and Horace, Our thoughts and prayers are for you during this time of loss. It is Thomas' time of gain... freedom from his earthly pain and suffering. He is now with our Heavenly Father.

Clyde & Avis Loper - June 10, 2009 at 11:12 AM

BS

“ To Judy, Alan and Allison: Mere words cannot express how deeply we feel your loss. We feel as though we knew Thomas well, as we kept informed about his activities and accomplishments through Grandma Patsy. We know what a wonderful and brilliant person he was. We pray that you all will find comfort in knowing what a special gift you had for his lifetime. God bless and keep you in His hands.

Butch & Carole Starnes - June 10, 2009 at 09:48 AM

DF

“ Life is such a fragile gift and many of us fail to appreciate it and live it to its fullest, but that was not Thomas. We had the honor and privelege of knowing Thomas and considered him part of our family. His strength, courage, and inspiration were contagious and he infected all around him with his love of life and drive. We will be forever changed by this young mans shining example and the fact that he never let anything stop him. There are so many people who are better people because of the gift he gave us. Thomas we will always try to live up to your example, drinking life up and knowing each day is a gift, never to be wasted on worries, but to be shared and lived to its fullest. Love you always, Don, Trey, Michelle and family.

Don Price and Family - June 10, 2009 at 07:55 AM

TF

“ We are thinking about you all and lifting you all up in our prayers. There is a poem we'd like to share that gave us comfort and hope when we lost both of our Mother's years ago. We pray you find peace in all of this. We will not stop working towards a cure for all affected by CF. Much love to your family. God saw you were getting tired, And a cure was not to be; So He wrapped His arms around you, And whispered "Come to me". A loving heart stopped beating, Working hands laid to rest; God took you to prove to us, He only takes the best. In His Love, Samantha, Chris, Dylan, Connor, & Baby Colin

The DePriest Family - June 09, 2009 at 11:34 PM

MM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Thomas. He was in my American Lit class at CEC, and I will always remember how much he WANTED to be at school so that he could learn as much as he could. He had a great mind and a great spirit - what a wonderful kid!

Martha Lynn Mitchell - June 09, 2009 at 11:09 PM

BD

“ Alan, Judy & Allsion - I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Thomas. You have been in my prayers this last week and I will continue to pray that somehow God will give you the strength to get thru this. Please know that Thomas was a wonderful person with a huge heart who was loved by many. He touched so many lives and was an inspiration to all who knew him. Northgate will not be the same without him.....

Beth DeLoach - June 09, 2009 at 09:34 PM

VF

“ Horace, Judy & Family; We are so sorry to here of your loss. You will be in our thoughts & prayers.

Vivian Reynolds & Family - June 09, 2009 at 08:28 PM

CD

“ So sorry for your loss. With you as a father I am sure what a wonderful young man he wsa. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers..... God Bless You...

Cindy (Clower) Davis - June 09, 2009 at 07:29 PM

LH

“ I am so sorry about Thomas. He was an exceptional person. He always strived to do his best at everything. He never let his condition stop him in the endeavors he wanted to do. His life is an inspiration for all of us. I will never forget him. May he rest in peace.
Love Linda Hughes

Linda Hughes - June 09, 2009 at 07:24 PM

AS

“ Alan, Judy & Allison, we were very saddened to hear of the loss of your Thomas. From what I have been told by Patsy, he was a very remarkable young man, heaven has truly gained a great Angel in him. Please know that we all will be praying for you in the days ahead. I won't be able to be at the viewing or funeral due to an out of town trip, but you will be in our hearts. If there is anything at all we can do, even if it's just to have an ear, we are here for you. Alan & Linda Stroud Sewell Douglasville, GA

Alan & Linda Stroud Sewell - June 09, 2009 at 06:48 PM

KS

“ What a special young man and what a wonderful spirit... I am heartbroken to hear about Thomas. He and I have been Facebook friends for a while and I have enjoyed catching up with him for the last few months. I was so blessed to have had him for 2 years- I still remember coming by your house with his summer work and he was running down the driveway as fast as he could to meet me- I will always think of his smiling face! May God comfort you in this difficult time. Thomas will always be in my heart and I will think of him often. Sincerely, Kristin Skelly

Kristin Skelly - June 09, 2009 at 06:37 PM

BK

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Thomas. The family is in my prayers.
Barbara M. Kennedy Cornerstone UMC

Barbara M. Kennedy - June 09, 2009 at 06:35 PM

TC

“ Words can not express our sorrow at the news of Thomas' passing. Your family will be in our prayers. The only thing we know to do is to pray that God will give all of you strength. If we can do anything for you just let us know.

Tracy Close - June 09, 2009 at 05:48 PM