



## Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr.

August 18, 1950 - October 20, 2024

Mr. Thomas Stanley Horton Jr., 74 of Senoia formerly of lake Zurich Ill passed away Sunday the 20th of October at home in the presence of his loved ones. Born August 18, 1950 in Ann Arbor Michigan. Parents were the late Thomas S Horton and Polly Hendel Horton.

There are a million things that could be said of his life but know that the greatest joy was his 16 years of service to the inmates of Illinois. He and his wife went into places no one else would go-death row, cells of serial killers, murders, and gang -members any and all- and was beloved by each knowing him as the father they never had. It was through his work with his wife, he created the first ever 4 year Bible college in Illinois at Stateville prison.. Through that, he and his wife were Illinois Department of Corrections volunteers of the year and also Volunteer of the Year for Statesville Maximum Security Prison. His work was never ending with Manny Mill and Burl Cain two of his beloved mentors of prison reform and ministry.

Tom never met a stranger and was commonly known by his wife as "officer friendly." His heart was owned by His Father Jesus Christ and he let everyone know about. Time spent was in prison or with his beloved family.

Both he and his wife were one of the founding families of Willow Creek Church in Barrington Ill.-till God lead them to CrossRoads Church here in

Georgia. He always said who could have guessed we'd find another Willow Creek-yet here we did and was embraced by all there. After 71 years in Illinois, he picked Senoia, Georgia, to be his home, where he touched any and all he came in contact with for these short three years. He will be greatly missed by his One Life Fitness family, Willow Creek family, Crossroad's family and many family and friends. But most of all by his wife of almost 56 years, Wendy, who was the love of his life starting at age 17.

Survivors Include -Wife Wendy McDaniel Horton-Son Ryan Horton (Tonya) Daughter Denise Delgado (Moses) Grandchildren-Dr. Taylor Dreher-Lee (Tim)Of Denver Co. Ashlee Karl (Christopher) off St. Charles,IL, Alec Delgado, Dylan Delgado Of Elkgrove Ill, Cade Horton Of Newnan Ga. Sister-Mary Horton Klatt

The Celebration of Life for Thomas will be Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA 30263. Pastor Manny Mill and Pastor John Hobbs will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday, October 25, 2024 from 5-7 PM.

In Lieu Of Flowers Donation Can Be Made To His Beloved Koinonia House National Prison Ministries 818 E Indiana St Wheaton Ill 60187 Or Cherished Church Crossroads Church- 3260 Ga-16 Sharpsburg Ga 30277

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 235-4580.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

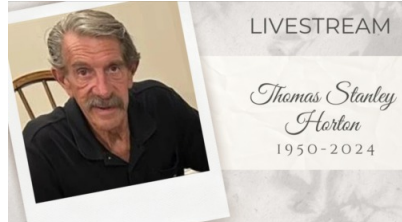
OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 26, 2024 at 10:23 AM

JJ

*Well Bones, now that you passed on, hopefully you will meet up with your friend Jesus. RIP. Jimmie*

Jimmie - October 27, 2024 at 06:54 PM

JB

*You will never be forgotten Tom-I'll never forget you or Wendy...til we meet again my brother. 1Cor15:58*

jason Belyew - December 04, 2024 at 02:26 PM

BR

“ *I loved Thomas so very much, he was the most godly man I have ever known. See you in heaven my brother, please hug me when I get there-Love you brother 🙏❤️💙*

Brandon Risse - February 16, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ I had the honor to spend time with Tom as he served the Lord in Manny Mill's prison ministry. Simply put, he is a beautiful person, made by our Father to be a beacon to this who stumbled in the dark. A godly person who always and faithfully pointed others to the cross without fail. Rest in peace brother.

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**Grant Anderson** - November 29, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ Tom, our friend, was the only tradesperson who had a key to our house and was welcome to come in anytime whether we were home or not. That speaks to his incredible integrity and honor. We were impressed listening to all the marvelous work he and Wendy have done within the prison system. He will certainly be missed.

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**myra & mickey sanderman** - October 29, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Tom was at our house a couple of times a year for over 30 years. We just realized that we knew Tom for as many years as we've been married and think that would surely make him smile! Always full of stories and jokes, Tom was also genuinely interested in how our family was doing and what our hopes were for the future. Although we in Illinois lost Tom and his wife to Georgia a few years ago we're happy that we've been able to continue with his son Ryan—who picked right up where his Dad left off. Mike and Melissa in IL



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**Family** - October 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..*



October 25, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ *From, The Delgado's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..*

**From, The Delgado's** - October 24, 2024 at 08:39 PM



“ *From, The Delgado's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..*



**From, The Delgado's** - October 24, 2024 at 08:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..*



October 24, 2024 at 08:13 PM

GF

“ Gary and Nancy Flesher purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



Gary and Nancy Flesher - October 24, 2024 at 12:33 PM

MG

“ Mary and Anne Genovese planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..

Mary and Anne Genovese - October 24, 2024 at 04:54 AM

MG

“ Mary and Anne Genovese purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



Mary and Anne Genovese - October 24, 2024 at 04:54 AM

LH

“ Love and prayers, Darleen and Galin Hahn purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



Love and prayers, Darleen and Galin Hahn - October 23, 2024 at 07:54 PM

LH

“ Love and prayers, Darleen and Galin Hahn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..

Love and prayers, Darleen and Galin Hahn - October 23, 2024 at 07:54 PM

LS

“ Love kathe and bob Nicole and Slate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..

Love kathe and bob Nicole and Slate - October 23, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



October 23, 2024 at 05:53 PM

FR

“ Tom and Wendy's desire to serve Jesus was that change that I needed. They introduced me to the Love of Christ and I'm forever grateful to them.

Freddie Ramirez - October 23, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JL

“ Jason and kristy Lehtinen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



Jason and kristy Lehtinen - October 23, 2024 at 06:46 AM

JL

“ Jason and kristy Lehtinen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..

Jason and kristy Lehtinen - October 23, 2024 at 06:46 AM

DF

“ Daniel & Lisa Lee Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



Daniel & Lisa Lee Family - October 23, 2024 at 02:06 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



October 22, 2024 at 04:11 PM

RA

“ Richard A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..

Richard A. - October 22, 2024 at 10:04 AM

RS

“ We were so blessed to have Tom and Wendy as next-door neighbors. Tom was a giver to the homeless and others. Our time was short with him but full of quality. We will miss him so much. Our prayers go out to Wendy and his family

Richard and Naomi Schmid - October 22, 2024 at 10:03 AM

JF

“ Jim Wilson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..

Jim Wilson & Family - October 21, 2024 at 11:43 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



October 21, 2024 at 11:43 PM

JS

“ Seem like yesterday eating pizza and having Men's Bible study downstairs at the house in Wheaton where I 1st met Tommy. Blessed to cross paths with a wonderful Brother in Christ. Until we meet again.

John Szykowny - October 21, 2024 at 10:42 PM

BC

“ Burl and Jonalyn Cain purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas Stanley Horton, Jr..



Burl and Jonalyn Cain - October 21, 2024 at 10:05 PM

BC

“ He was the best example of a man who really put God first loved his family and the inmates. He adopted Angola Prison after his first visit with his dear friend Manny Mill. The inmates loved both he and Wendy and they will always be remembered. Burl Cain former Warden

Burl Cain - October 21, 2024 at 09:50 PM

WH

In his mind it was his dad Bill Hybels and you as the greatest influence in his life. thanks for remembering him

wendy mcdaniel horton - October 22, 2024 at 08:17 AM

SS

“ I can hear the heavenly ALELUYA!!!!!!!!!! Tom was definitely a servant of Christ. I not only met God in prison, I met a man that walked the walk and is now walking with God. Father, thank you for our brother Tom. 🙏✝️

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**Scott Stodola** - October 21, 2024 at 09:04 PM

DB

“ I will always remember his loud "ALLELUIA" as he walked into RTO. And his hugs. His joy of the Lord was evident to all who knew him. He loved to tell testimonies about his trips inside the prison walls. My husband Jeff is one of those inmates blessed to know and love Tom and Wendy through their prison ministry work. Can't thank them enough for pouring encouragement and God's Word into my dear husband and my lives. Denise Bartik

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**Denise and Jeff Bartik** - October 21, 2024 at 08:09 PM