



## Thomas "Tommy" H. Cobb

August 23, 1945 - November 8, 2023

August 23, 1945, was a memorable time in the history of our country. World War II had just ended with the surrender of Japan. The brave men and women who had put their lives on hold were returning home to their joyful families. On August 23, 1945, Isaac Thomas and Redell Gore Cobb contributed to the baby boom era with the birth of a fine baby boy, Thomas Harold Cobb. Tommy was a lucky guy, his elementary school was a hop, skip and a jump from home and family friends operated a small grocery store next door to his house. Running to the store was not just an expression, it was reality. Tommy's high school years were wonderful for him. He loved sports of any kind and would letter in football, baseball, and basketball. He had the body built for football, the height for basketball and the agility of mind and body to make him successful in baseball. As much as he loved other sports, Tommy's favorite would be baseball. Tommy was a naturally gregarious person and friendships came easily for him. If you were a friend, he invested time and emotion in that friendship. If he saw you often or if he saw you "once in a blue moon", he could pick up right where he left off in his last encounter. His school years were preparatory for life in the real world. Learning from textbooks is a necessary part of our education, but just as important were the social skills and team-building skills that would carry him through life and make him successful in all his pursuits. After graduation Tommy served in the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1968. His service will be recognized by the appropriate military honors at his memorial service. Tommy became smitten

by a lovely young lady who also attended Newnan High School. For the next 55 years, they would share the joys of a young love that burned as brightly as ever until the moment that God told him he had earned his rest. Tommy faced his final illness with a fierce determination to do everything possible to fight the foe that raged within his battered body. Sharlon was the mother lioness leading the charge. He approached his athletics that way and cancer was a formidable and insurmountable foe this last year.

The bravest thing a person can do is to take stock of one's life and the issues that drive them at any given time. As much as he loved life and the treasures he called family, Tommy came to realize that his battle was not going to end as he had hoped and prayed that it would. He heard the call of his God and knew he must heed that call. Tommy, as a good man and father, felt that his life should be lived in a manner to be a good example for his friends and family. Likewise, he also felt a responsibility to be that person who did not see death as a final event of existence. His only desire was to bring finality to his life in a dignified manner with an eye to the new life that would lie ahead. As peaceful as the newborn baby he was 78 years ago, Tommy's family gathered around him on Wednesday night and supported him as he answered the call of the God he had served in every facet of his life. Tommy wore different hats in his time on this earth. For Georgia Power and the State of Georgia, he was a safety engineer, and it was his job to make everyone's workplace a safe environment. For all his high school buddies, he was a scratch golfer who was always up for a round or two. He could regale everyone for hours on end talking about his "Dawgs". At home he was dad, granddad, and all the mushy words that wives like Sharlon use to describe their man. Last, but not least, he was the quintessential gardener extraordinaire. Put a shovel in his hand and fill up the gas tank on the lawn mower because he was a man on mission in his yard. For all his bravura, Tommy had a very soft side that found beauty in nature and cultivated his surroundings as a peaceful respite from the cares of the world. Tommy was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his

wife of 55 years, Sharlon Bradley Cobb. He revered his children Michael Cobb and his wife Nancy, and Sandra Cobb Bowie. One of his favorite hats to wear was that of a doting grandfather to Bradley Keith Cobb, Elizabeth Nicole Cobb and Bryce Patrick Bowie.

Tommy's family and friends will gather at McKoon Funeral Home on Saturday, November 18, 2023, for an opportunity to recall the life of this good man. Friends will be received beginning at 10:00 AM. The memorial service will be at 11:00 AM in McKoon chapel and will be led by Chip Gordon. There will be stories told (some of which may be true), good times recalled, and songs to be sung. While Tommy and Sharlon loved God's gift of flowers in this world, please consider instead, a gift in his memory to RiverLife, an organization that seeks opportunities to help older citizens in need of ways to make their homes more accessible as their health needs warrant. Please visit their website [www.livethriverlife.com](http://www.livethriverlife.com) and support this worthwhile endeavor. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

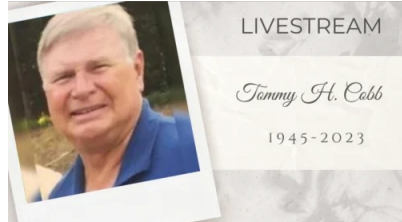
NOV 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Thomas "Tommy" H. Cobb*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 18, 2023 at 09:42 AM

KH

“ *Mrs. Sharlon and family,*

*So sorry to hear of Mr Tommy's passing. I have many wonderful memories of him and am proud to have known him. We are thinking of your family.*

*Keith Heflin*

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**Keith Heflin** - November 15, 2023 at 07:21 PM

KC

“ *Kimberly W. Campbell lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" H. Cobb*



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**Kimberly W. Campbell** - November 14, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JW

“ I remember seeing Mr. Cobb on his lawnmower in the summer, but he was most often walking his pup at all times of the day. He always had a wave and a smile; he will be missed.

Jennifer Welch - November 11, 2023 at 11:48 PM

RS

“ Rest in peace my friend. I will always cherish the memories we made playing lemon ball in your back yard and what you taught me about cars.

Ronnie Sutton - November 11, 2023 at 02:16 PM

BK

“ Buddy and Jane Kelly purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas "Tommy" H. Cobb.



Buddy and Jane Kelly - November 11, 2023 at 12:04 PM

CH

“ I remember seeing Mr. Tommy walking his little dog in Lake Hills every day no matter rain or shine. He would always smile and wave. May he rest in peace.

Caroline Harkleroad - November 11, 2023 at 09:26 AM

SB

“ Mr. Tommy and I shared many wonderful conversations as we walked our dogs in Lake Hills. He was such a kind man and always had a smile and kind words. We are praying for your family and thanking the Lord that Mr. Tommy is fully healed in Heaven!

Sally Brass - November 11, 2023 at 09:19 AM

JM

“ Junie Austin Merkle lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" H. Cobb



Junie Austin Merkle - November 10, 2023 at 11:59 PM

JH

“ Jimmy & Rachel Hucks lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" H. Cobb



Jimmy & Rachel Hucks - November 10, 2023 at 10:00 PM

JW

“ Prayers that all of your good memories will give you comfort in the days ahead. Feel sure Mike met him with ball and bat, just waiting for his fellow teammate to hit a few!!! Such great fun watching those two home run hitters for First Baptist Softball Team. Good fun, good friends. Rest in peace my friend. Judi

Judi Worth - November 10, 2023 at 09:12 PM

HS

“ Will always remember our baseball days at NHS. RIP Tommy. God bless.

Harold Smith - November 10, 2023 at 05:49 PM

JW

“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" H. Cobb



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**Joy Williams** - November 10, 2023 at 04:13 PM

TW

“ Sharlon,

*George & I send our heartfelt sympathy to you & the family. We both have such fond memories of high school & beyond. May God give you strength during the days ahead.*

*George & Peggy*

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**The Williams** - November 10, 2023 at 01:04 PM

RG

“ So sorry for your loss of sweet Tommy.he will surely be missed by many friends &his dear family.a hard fought battle..now at peace.always will remember Tommy..larry&rita gresham

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**Rita gresham** - November 10, 2023 at 12:59 PM

DO

“ I always enjoyed talking to Tommy in the neighborhood when he was walking his dog! I wish you all peace and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Debbie Olmstead** - November 10, 2023 at 12:12 PM

JH

*Sharon you and your family are in my prayers. One of my fondest memories of Tommy was in our Senior year and he and I were selected as the "Most Athletic" in our class. For the annual our picture was made on horseback. Neither one of us were accomplished riders so it was quite a spectacular le getting it done.*

**Judy Harper** - November 10, 2023 at 01:35 PM

FF

“ *Our prayers are with all the family. Frank and Melody Farmer*

**FRANK FARMER** - November 10, 2023 at 11:29 AM

GW

“ *May he rest in eternal peace.*



**Geraldine Welch** - November 10, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JW

“ *Sharlon and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I know it was quite a battle and Tommy was quite a fighter. I hope you will find some solace in the fact that so many people were hoping and praying for y'all during the struggle. We will continue to pray for you and your family!*  
*Jimmy Wilson*

**Jimmy Wilson** - November 10, 2023 at 09:52 AM

NS

*Tommy was a great teammate to some of us who were underclass players! He was an inspiration to me and an example of leadership! I played baseball and basketball with Tommy! What a class act! He is missed.*

**Neal Shepard** - November 11, 2023 at 08:35 AM