



Tommy Lamar Godwin

October 14, 1938 - November 21, 2024

Tommy L. Godwin, age 86, passed away Thursday, November 21, 2024. Born October 14, 1938 in Lanett, Alabama, he was the son of the late John E. Godwin, Jr. and Helen Sykes Godwin.

A talented musician and devout Christian, Tommy's life was a testament to his love for God, family, and country and to his unwavering generosity. Tommy proudly served his country in the US Army. He loved his chosen profession as a mechanic and inspector in the airline industry, following in his father's footsteps.

Known for his kind heart and willingness to help others, Tommy cherished every moment spent with family and friends. He loved gospel, ballads, soft country, and Irish music. He loved playing guitar and singing with his sister Susan and his father in their band, The Jubilations. Tommy wrote many of his own songs and often performed at The Catfish Hollow, The Hollonville Opry, and The Joyful Noise, but his greatest joy was singing at church. He never refused requests to sing at special functions for whoever asked, and he took great pleasure in giving away his CDs. Tommy also loved bike riding and motorcycle trips.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; his sister, Susan; his children, Jeff and Marcy; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Tommy's legacy of kindness

and music will live on in the hearts of all who knew him for his life was full and well lived, and he will be dearly remembered.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Line Creek Baptist Church, 1488 Bob Smith Road, Sharpsburg, GA 30277. The family will receive friends from 2:00 pm until the start of the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Tommy's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 41 Perimeter Center E #550, Atlanta, GA 30346.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Line Creek Baptist Church
1488 Bob Smith Road/P.O. Box 757
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Memorial Service

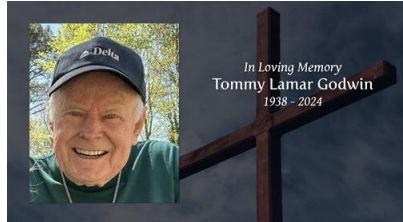
DEC 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



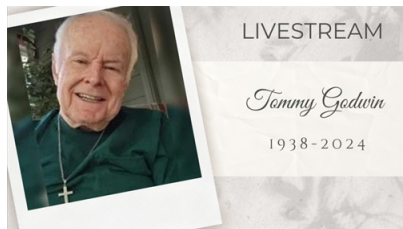
“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy Lamar Godwin*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 02, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Tommy Lamar Godwin*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 01, 2024 at 11:30 AM

SG

“ We will always remember those family gatherings when the cousins got together in Alabama. We could always count on Tommy and his sweet wife , Rita, to be there and share in the fun, food and laughter. He will be missed by us all. Much love to our dear cousin Tommy. We'll see you later! ☐ Love, Freda



Susan Godwin - November 30, 2024 at 02:18 PM

SG

I was asked to share the above post for our cousin Freda . Tommy loved those family gatherings and stayed close all to all the cousins, aunts and uncles and was loved by them all. Thank you Freda for sending these pictures! I know Tommy is smiling. ☐☐☐

Susan Godwin - November 30, 2024 at 02:28 PM

FT

Thank you Susan. So many sweet memories of Tommy. Yes, I am sure he is smiling and holding his guitar and singing with the angels 🧐🎸🕊️.

Freda Elkins Thrower - November 30, 2024 at 05:22 PM

TM

“ Tommy Godwin was a very special friend. We met at Cokes Chapel church and enjoyed our time there. We went down to Hollonville Opre when he and Rita played there what a treat that was. He and Rita had so much talent in so many different ways. Then they joined Line Creek Baptist and we were together once again. Through it all Tommy and I frequently rode together to Old Goats every Tuesday morning or as often as we could. Had such a good time riding together. Lunch at Burger King sometimes. Brunch after church at Waffle House. Tommy was a truly fine man. Generous, caring, a great sense of humor, good story teller and tremendous integrity. He was loved and respected by all. I miss him deeply.

Thomas McCague - November 27, 2024 at 05:26 PM

AC

“ Taren, we are sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. Amy, Jeff, Brooklyn & Owen



Amy Corn - November 26, 2024 at 01:52 PM

AG

“ Tommy was my uncle and I wanted to add since it wasn't mentioned in the obituary he had a brother who was only 17 months older than he who passed away in March of 2013. His name was Roger Dale Godwin, Tommy's only brother who I know he loved dearly. My dad was a saint and loved and remembered by many. I know Tommy, like my dad, will be missed by many. I have no doubt my dad, Grandmother and Granddad were standing at the gates of heaven anxiously waiting to greet Tommy when he arrived!



Ashley Godwin - November 26, 2024 at 10:37 AM

FT

This is so true indeed. What a sweet caring family ❤️✝️. Three beautiful children and two very loving parents 💖🙏✝️. Precious memories ❤️.

Freda Elkins Thrower - November 27, 2024 at 08:36 PM

FT

Memories

Freda Elkins Thrower - November 27, 2024 at 08:37 PM

FT

Tommy was so talented and caring. We will miss him although now he's in his Heavenly Home and playing music with the angels. 😇✝️

Freda Elkins Thrower - February 16, 2025 at 02:43 PM

FT

“ *Freda Thrower lit a candle in memory of Tommy Lamar Godwin*



Freda Thrower - November 25, 2024 at 11:48 PM

FC

Sweet memories of my sweet cousin Tommy. He brought much love to our family, especially with his music and songs. Fly high with the angels Tommy!!

Freda Thrower cousin - November 25, 2024 at 11:56 PM

JS

“ *How much joy he brought to us through his music but we will miss his sweet spirit just as much. Our love and prayers are with Rita and the entire family at this time and in the days, months and year to come. John & Lisa (SS members)*

John & Lisa Stewart - November 25, 2024 at 01:12 PM

PH

“ *Tommy was a dear friend to us. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace dear friend. love you*

Pat Harkins - November 25, 2024 at 10:12 AM