



## John Henry Tippins, Jr

December 10, 2013

John Henry Tippins, Jr. known by friends and family as Johnny Tippins, 83, of Ringgold, Georgia went home to be with the Lord on December 10, 2013. He was born in Gadsden, Alabama to the late John Henry Tippins, Sr and Thelma King Tippins. He was an Eagle Scout, a lifeguard and an accomplished athlete before entering college. Johnny attended college at Athens College in Athens, Alabama before serving in the Navy during the Korean War. After his service, he returned to college and completed his Masters Degree at Peabody Teachers College in Nashville.

He was married for 61 glorious years to the late Inez Willis Tippins.

Johnny's career was one of service to all the young people he encountered. He shared his love of sports and sportsmanship with everyone he met. He was a teacher, a football coach, a baseball coach, a Sunday School teacher, and a friend to many of the high school students he taught. From his first position at Hokes Bluff High School in Gadsden, Alabama to his last position at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School, he did his best to instill the values of hard work, teamwork and compassion with all of his students!

After retiring in Catoosa County from the education field, Johnny continued serving his church, Boynton United Methodist Church and his community through the Boynton Lions Club. Throughout all of his life, though, Johnny never wanted accolades for himself.

He is survived by two daughters, Susan Wooten (Jim Wooten) and Joanna

McNew (Brian McNew), six grandchildren, Jennifer Maloney (Mark Maloney), Elliott Manning (Ashley Brown Manning), Andrew Wooten, Melanie Wooten, Brianna McNew and Katie McNew, and three great grandchildren, Rory Maloney, Aiden Maloney, and Blake Brown.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon Friday December 13, 2013 at the Boynton United Methodist Church with Rev. Brett DeHart officiating. Interment will follow at Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday from 5-9 P.M. at the funeral home. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ John was my football coach in 83 at LFO, i weighed all of 120 lbs, but he convinced me that Id make a good center! With only 12 players, we only lost one game! He could inspire people to do great things  
He will be greatly missed

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**Billy Massingale** - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Hokes Bluff Class of 1958 sends Thoughts and Prayers to family. Coach Tippins was a very special person to all classmates. May The memories remain forever.

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**Glenn Lankford - Hokes Bluff, AL - Former Student** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We were students in the Hokes Bluff Class of 1958. We have fond memories of Coach Tippens and will cherish those memories forever. Our condolences to the family. Mary Ann Maddix Heard and Hazel Handley Millander.

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**Mary Ann Maddix Heard - Hokes Bluff, AL - former student** - December 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My only memory of Mr. Tippens is the legacy he left to his family. Joanna is one of the best friends I ever had, and I know her parents so helped her be the person she has become. I don't think I have ever met anyone more considerate and caring in my whole entire life. I know how much they were loved by their Daughters, and I'm sure by all their Grandchildren. I'm so sorry for this wonderful family's loss, but we all know, you will be with him again someday. He is with your sweet Momma, and I know he is happy. Go in God's grace everyday, you know that will get you all through. You are in my prayers.

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**CHERIE DUKE - RINGGOLD, GA - FRIEND OF THE FAMILY** - December 13, 2013  
at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our hearts were sad to hear of the earthly loss of Coach Tippens. I have great memories of him. He was the Assistant Coach at Hokes Bluff High School during my Junior and Senior years. We are praying for the family. May God bless you and comfort you during this difficult time.

Mayor Gary and Carolyn Reeves  
City of Hokes Bluff, AL  
Class of 1958

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**Mayor Gary and Carolyn Reeves - Hokes Bluff, AL - Friend** - December 13, 2013  
at 12:00 AM

JF

“ SUSAN AND JOANNA

*I'M SO SORRY OF COACH TIPPENS PASSING. HE HAD BEEN AN INSPIRATION IN MY LIFE. ONE OF THE MANY THINGS HE TAUGHT ME WAS TO NEVER GIVE UP TO KEEP ON FIGHTING NO HOW HARD IT IS.*

*I KNUW IT'S GOING TO BE HARD ON YOU BEING THIS TIME OF YEAR BUT TAKE YOUR DAD'S ADVICE KEEP ON FIGHTING. HE IS HAPPY NOW BEING WITH YOUR MOTHER IN HEAVEN.*

*JIM DIETZ*

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**jim dietz - chattanooga, TN - friend** - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Mr tippens you were a great teacher I had a lot of fun in your class I couldn't ask for a great teacher you will be truly miss*

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**Billy Hudgens - Ringgold, GA - Student** - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr. Tippins was a wonderful neighbor and friend who often shared their vegetables with us. He and his sweet wife will truly be missed in the neighborhood. What wonderful role models they were. Now they are together again in Heaven! God Bless you during this sad time.*

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**Gerald and Kathy blevins - Ringgold, GA - Neighbor and friend** - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ He came into the Football Locker Room during a game we were behind about 20 points. He kicked our Ice Chest all the way across the locker room. We came back and won the game. He limped for a week at practice.

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**Jerry Coshatt - Woodstock, GA - Student at Calera High School.** - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ John served as my vocational supervisor and also as a colleague when he taught special education. He was one of the most dedicated and hard working individuals I have ever know. Since we were both from Alabama we talked often of our childhood and his childhood and how we were both raised in poor circumstances. John was one of the most innovative and compassionate individuals I have ever know and he had a heart for helping those who were unfortunate in life. His standard was always one of excellence. He was proud of his family and deeply devoted to his wife Inez. I consider John to be a great friend and colleague and our loss is heavens gain. At last he joins her for all eternity. He left a mark on many individuals while on this path in life and will be greatly missed.

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**Larry Gene Williams - Trenton, GA - Friend** - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ My Uncle Johnny was always playing jokes on us and making us laugh. I remember once when we went to Lake Winnie, all of us little girl cousins were riding on our dad's shoulders and there was a haunted house in the park. Some of us wanted to go through the haunted house and some were scared and was very reluctant to enter. Uncle Johnny said, "Ok, girls, here we go and he just started walking into the haunted house and everyone followed. He said either you will love something or hate it and you will not know if you don't try it. We all did it and we loved it! (there were a few who didn't like it and now they know) He always was willing to take a chance to to have fun and experience new things. I also remember going to the Smoky Mountains in his truck and us girls riding in the back of the truck under the camper top on a mattress. We would talk to the adults through the sliding window! He was always so much fun! I miss you Uncle Johnny!

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**Tanya Willis Irwin - Pickwick, TN - niece** - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Praying for Gods strength and comfort to surround family during this time of sorrow! Love to all!

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**Ernie and Donna Willis - Ramer, TN - nephew** - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ I had the blessing of knowing Mr. Tippins as "Paw", as this was what his grandchildren called him. He and his wife, Inez "Memaw", were wonderful and loving. They embraced our family when Jennifer and Mark began. They both were totally smitten when Rory, their first great grandchild, was born.

He was a man who loved his family. Adored his wife. Stood up for what and who he believed in. And was always available, if needed. His smile and laughter were never far away. He was just a joy to be around. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

He is once again with his beloved Inez and his Saviour. Thank you Lord for letting us have him for a while to love him and learn from him.

*Pattie Maloney*

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**Pattie Maloney - Lawrenceville, GA - Jennifer is our Daughter In-law - December 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

RC

“ "Coach" Tippins sat behind us in church at Boynton UMC and was our dear friend. I will never forget him talking about Alabama Football with me before the service began. He was truly a good guy and will be missed not only by his family but everyone who knew him.

We are out of town, but Susan and Jim please know that you are on our hearts during this tme.

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**Roy & Donna Cooper - December 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM**