



# Thomas "Tom" William McMillen

September 3, 1952 - March 7, 2023

Thomas "Tom" McMillen was a loving husband, father, grandfather, family member, & friend. A lifelong resident of Ringgold, Tom went to his heavenly home on March 7, 2023, at the age of 70. He was well known for his kindness, love, and constant service to others through his church and community. He had a smile that would light up a room, and an unsurpassed way of bringing joy to all those he encountered.

Tom was born to Patti Kittle McMillen & Harry B. McMillen on September 3, 1952. He attended Ringgold High School, where he served as President of the class of 1970. Following graduation, he attended Georgia Southern University, where he graduated with a B.S. in Speech & Journalism. He met his beloved wife, Ann Brickle, while attending college, and the two were married on December 11, 1976. Tom enjoyed a lengthy career as a sales executive in the carpet industry. Following his retirement, he continued his gift for selling through a part-time position at Costco where he took great joy in visiting with members of his community.

Together, Tom and Ann went on to have two children:

Jessica McMillen Parker (Jacob) and Samuel Casey McMillen. Tom loved his children dearly, but nothing brought him greater joy than his two beautiful granddaughters, Anna Grace & Mary Chandler Parker – whom he lovingly referred to as "Peedab" and "Scoot."

Tom was a loving brother, uncle, & friend. In addition to being survived by his wife, children and grandchildren, he is also survived by his brother, Patrick McMillen (Marie), and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and brother, Larry K. McMillen, whom he loved dearly. Nothing meant more to Tom than his precious family and his closest friends, "The Boys:" Carl Brantley, Tony Barnhart, & Robbie Chester.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 10, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis Stewart Chapel, 443 Boynton Drive Ringgold, Georgia. There will also be a time of visitation, preceding the service starting at 10:00 a.m., on

Saturday, March 11 2023 at Ringgold United Methodist Church. A service of remembrance and celebration will then take place at 11:00 A.M at Ringgold United Methodist Church, 7484 Nashville Street Ringgold, Georgia.

Memorial donations may be made to “Recovery @ Ringgold,” care of Ringgold United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 99 Ringgold, Georgia 30736.

Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis – Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Anderson Cemetery

Ringgold, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel  
443 Boynton Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736  
(706) 935-2331  
spencer@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ringgold United Methodist Church  
7484 Nashville St.  
Ringgold, GA 30736

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ringgold United Methodist Church  
7484 Nashville St.  
Ringgold, GA 30736

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Remembering the first time I met Tom, he was just a little guy , he had so much energy and knew everyone in Ringgold by name. You could tell he was loved by all and they enjoyed having him around to brighten their day. I know he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Aunt Jane McMillen

Jane McMillen - March 15, 2023 at 02:03 PM

VT

“ We are so saddened of this news. I'm just seeing this. I would always see him when I went to Costco and we would talk about the kids, the grandkids, his wife, Anne and about life flying by so fast. He would always ask about my husband (Eddie) and say, tell him I'm praying for him. I always looked forward to talking with him. He had a smile that would light up a room and was very kind. My heart is breaking for Anne and the kids. I'm praying that God will give you strength, comfort and peace. I will miss him so much 🙏

vickie & Eddie thornburg - March 12, 2023 at 05:00 PM

LP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He and I were good friends when we worked at Blue Ridge Carpet. Prayers for all his family and loved ones.

Lloyd Pritchett - March 10, 2023 at 04:31 PM

GB

“ Tom was truly a nice guy and was dedicated to coming to exercise at Cardiac Rehab. We will miss seeing his smiling face. Love and prayers for your family, Ginger Blankenship

Ginger Blankenship - March 10, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" William McMillen.



March 10, 2023 at 03:01 PM

JW

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the McMillen family.



Jim & Denise White - March 10, 2023 at 12:58 PM

KM

“ My cousin Tommy and my Irish twin brother Gary spent many summers in Ringgold fishing, skiing, and riding a mini bike in the backyard. We were the same age, and the world was our apple . The three of us smoked our first cigarette, stolen from uncle mac's pack. Gary and Tommy both continued to smoke cigarettes for years after, I threw up and never smoked again. I loved Tommy , Larry, and pat. It's just pat and I now. I'll miss you my smiley friend. Kenny McMillen

Kenneth McMillen - March 10, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" William McMillen.



March 10, 2023 at 10:51 AM

JW

“ My sincere condolences to Ann, Jessica, Casey and the grandgirls....Tom was a fine man, much loved....Ann, I know that you all have wonderful memories of him so hold them close to your hearts and let them be of comfort to each one of you! Love you all



Judy Gattis Weir - March 10, 2023 at 09:20 AM

DH

“ Tom was a fellow classmate and friend...one of the kindest people I've known, always a smile for everyone ❤️

Denise Haggard - March 10, 2023 at 04:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" William McMillen.



March 09, 2023 at 04:44 PM

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“ 88 - ('74) purchased the Divine Light for the family of Thomas "Tom" William McMillen.



88 - ('74) - March 09, 2023 at 04:38 PM

AP

“ Anita Patrick lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" William McMillen



Anita Patrick - March 09, 2023 at 04:16 PM

AP

Tom was a very special man. My thoughts & prayers are with hid loving family.

Anita Patrick - March 09, 2023 at 04:18 PM

FE

“ HIS SMILE & LOVE OVER FLOWED FROM HIM ALWAYS. I ALWAYS FOUND HIS MOM TO ALWAYS BE SMILING, LAUGHING & HAVE JOY. MUST HAVE BEEN A FAMILY TRATE. HE ALSO FOUND A SMILING, HAPPY & JOYOUS COMPANION & LIFE PARTNER IN ANN. YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

FAY EDWARDS - March 09, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" William McMillen.*



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March 09, 2023 at 03:06 PM