



Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington

January 3, 1946 - June 17, 2024

Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington , 78, passed away peacefully on June 17th,2024,

after a long battle with his health. Even during his declining years, Tom remained sharp minded and quick witted. He loved a good laugh and would always share a story with friends and visitors. Tom was born in Blissfield, Michigan to William and Ida Wood Billington. He graduated from Blissfield High School in 1964. Tom's passion was sports, All sports! He would always joke that he " went to school to play ball". He played varsity basketball, football, and baseball in high school and was All State in both football and baseball. He gained recognition from several professional scouts interested in his pitching abilities. He was offered a baseball scholarship from Western Michigan, but instead he attended Eastern Michigan University and Jackson Community College.

He was very proud to be inducted into the 2010 Blissfield Athletic Hall of Fame. Tom's professional career was just as impressive as his athletic ones. His achievements include being the co-owner and accountant at Burwitz Billington Incorporated, as well as serving as president of the Blissfield Board of Education and being elected Treasurer of Lenawee County.

Tom moved to North Georgia in 1988 where he met and married Cathy Staples Billington. He enjoyed golfing and bowling and followed the Atlanta Braves. Although he had "moved south", he remained loyal to his Michigan Wolverines. More than anything, Tom loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

and his family! He will be truly missed by all that knew and loved him!

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father, Dale Burwitz, and his beloved brother, Richard Billington.

Tom leaves behind his loving wife of thirty-four years, Cathy; two sons, Jon(Cindy) Billington and Christopher Jenkins; a daughter, Katie (J.T.)Allen; grandchildren, Chelsea (Brad) Dixon, Andrew Billington, Makenzie Jenkins and Kennedy Allen; two great grandchildren, Lillyanna Rouster and Kinsley Dixon; a sister, Joann (Dave) Saxton and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, June 22nd, at Ringgold United Methodist Church with Pastor Chris Bryant officiating.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson and Sons Funeral Home

555 West Cloud Springs Rd. Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. 30742

Memorial contributions may be made to Ringgold United Methodist Church (where Tom was a member and faithful on-line worshipper), PO Box 99, Ringgold, Georgia 30736 or to Hearth Hospice of Fort Oglethorpe, 93 Crye Lieke Drive, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. The family is thankful for the love and care shown to Tom and the family these past fifteen months!

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Ringgold United Methodist Church
7484 Nashville Street
Ringgold, GA 30736

Tribute Wall



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.



June 21, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Lydia S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.

Lydia S. - June 20, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ Kathy Alday purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.



Kathy Alday - June 20, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ As Tom and Cathy's next door neighbor, I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know Tom, and I'll miss visiting with him. I think he was a great man, and he adored his family and friends. I loved hearing about his growing up in Michigan and all his athletic exploits! He was a fine man! My sympathies to Cathy and his children, grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Kathy Alday - June 20, 2024 at 09:59 AM

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“ Scott&Judi,Sam,The Nichols&Crowe family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.

Scott&Judi,Sam,The Nichols&Crowe family - June 19, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ Scott&Judi,Sam,The Nichols&Crowe family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.



Scott&Judi,Sam,The Nichols&Crowe family - June 19, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.



June 18, 2024 at 09:40 PM

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“ Ron Nichols purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.



Ron Nichols - June 18, 2024 at 08:45 PM

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“ Ron Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.

Ron Nichols - June 18, 2024 at 08:45 PM

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“ I was fortunate enough to share the backfield with Tom on Blissfield's 1961 and 1962 Royal's football team. Tom was a great athlete and friend. RIP.

Bob Michael - June 18, 2024 at 07:47 PM

RM

“ Ryan & Kelli McReynolds purchased the Pretty Pleasure for the family of Thomas (Tom) Lee Billington.



Ryan & Kelli McReynolds - June 18, 2024 at 02:52 PM