



Mr. Tom Woodward

June 26, 1926 - December 10, 2018

Tom Woodward died December, 10th, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family and friends.

Thomas Albert Woodward was born June 26th, 1926, at his family's home in Leon County, Florida. He was the youngest of four children born to George Edward Woodward and Mary Etta Woodward in Woodville, Florida, outside Tallahassee. He met Betty Harrell, who would become the love of his life, in elementary school. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps the month he turned 18 and served for two and a half years before being honorably discharged in January of 1947. Soon, he and Betty began dating. After returning from the war, he got his airplane mechanic license and then his pilot license in 1949. He and Betty were married February 16th, 1952, in Tallahassee. That would begin a marriage that would last over 66 years.

As a flight engineer and pilot for Eastern Airlines, Tom and Betty moved to Miami (too hot) and New York City (too cold) before settling in Atlanta where they lived until his retirement from Eastern in 1986. Along the way their first daughter, Susan, was born soon to be followed by their second daughter, Sally. Adventurous and talented, he loved to fish, camp, hunt, and built his family homes, campers & playhouses throughout the years. Apart from his family and his work, Tom was a constant presence at his church. In Atlanta, Tom and Betty were active members of First Baptist Church of College Park. After retiring from the airline, Tom and Betty moved to Loxley, Alabama. Soon thereafter they joined First Baptist Church Silverhill where for over 30 years he was a deacon, an usher, and the creative force for countless church and VBS projects.

Tom is survived by his wife, Betty; his daughters Susan (Rod) and Sally (Phillip); grandchildren Clint (Brigitta), Emily (Ryan), Brittany (Nate), and Ellis; and great-grandchildren Maleigha, Jack, Joanna, Thomas, and Henrik.

Above all else, Tom was a man who loved his Lord and loved his family. He will be missed dearly, but his legacy will long outlast him.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 15th, 2018, 11:00 a.m., at First Baptist Church Silverhill. A visitation will be held two hours prior to the service beginning at 9:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Silverhill Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are by Mack Funeral Home & Crematory, Hwy 59 Robertsdale, AL.

Cemetery

Silverhill Cemetery

22911 County Road 49

Silverhill, AL, 36576

Events

DEC **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Silverhill First Baptist Church

15898 Silverhill Ave, Silverhill, AL, US, 36576

DEC **Funeral** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ We always remember to send a Veteran's card or flowers or call Tom on Veteran's Day telling Tom thanking him for his service to his country. He will always be remembered in hearts and the times we shared together at First Baptist Church Silverhill Alabama December 1994 to 2007 when we moved to Oklahoma ..



Donna Brizendine - December 18, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ Tom and his family went out of their way to provide a warm, genuine welcome at FBC, College Park. We were from a small congregation and our transition was very smooth, thanks to this "true tower of strength." We not only heard teaching from Scripture, but saw it lived out in his life away from the church building. Thanking God for blessing us with the Woodward's friendship and allowing our paths to cross on the journey.

Continuing prayers for all immediate and extended family members. God is near and hears our hearts. We love you.

Rusty & Melissa Guest
Fayetteville, GA



Rusty & Melissa Guest - December 11, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ Harvey and I have fond memories of Tom and his lovely wife, Betty. They were members with us at First Baptist, College Park. Tom served as a deacon and Betty was my Sunday School teacher. Tom is now in the presence of the Lord that he loved and served for so many years. We are remembering Betty and the rest of his family in our prayers. Margie McGinnis

margie mcginnis - December 11, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ With sympathy from Susan (Allen) and Duane Hutchison. Tom was a wonderful church worker and Christian man. We enjoyed many good years at College Park First Baptist.

susan Hutchison - December 11, 2018 at 04:43 PM