



Rusty Kidd

May 10, 1946 - June 2, 2020

Edwards Culver “Rusty” Kidd III, Age 74, of Milledgeville, Georgia passed away peacefully on Tuesday June 2, 2020. Rusty was known for his exceptional athleticism, edgy sense of humor, and political savvy. However, his kindness and generosity, with a side of endearing sarcasm, overshadowed all of those commendable traits. One thing is for sure, if he teased you, he loved you, and he teased everyone.

After surviving a traumatic motorcycle accident in 1999, Rusty became an advocate for people with disabilities, working extensively with Shepherd Center in Atlanta. His strength and resiliency following such a life altering event was unparalleled, and inspiring to everyone he encountered.

Rusty had a long and successful career in business and politics. He excelled as a lobbyist, as Georgia’s only state representative elected as an independent, and as President of Middle Georgia Management, Inc. Today, Middle Georgia Management, Inc. employs over 60 families across the State. Despite his success, Rusty’s real Legacy lies in his passion for the people of Milledgeville and the prosperity of the city he loves.

Although Rusty was prone to falls, burns, broken bones, infections, being stuck in the mud, and unavailable handicap parking spaces, his strength and positive attitude allowed him to persevere where few others could. He called it ‘Rollin’ with Rusty.’ He developed a knack for not sweating the small stuff. He often said “you can’t win if you don’t play,” and he loved to play.

Rusty is preceded in death by his parents Culver Kidd II and Katherine Rogers Kidd, and sister Tillie Anne Fowler. He is survived by his daughter Katherine Kidd, his son Culver Kidd, IV, his grandson Culver Kidd V, and his sisters Kathy Kidd Marbut and Margaret 'Candy' Kidd.

A small private graveside service for family will be held on June 4, 2020.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the larger memorial service/party that Rusty requested will be held and announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor at www.shepherd.org/giving/charitable-giving or <https://give.gmc.edu/>

We were politely told that his casket would need to be "slightly larger than normal size." Fitting, for a man whose personality was larger than life.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Ray Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Ray Roberts - June 10, 2020 at 09:05 AM

DS

“ *Praying for the Kidd Family.*

David Sheppard and Family.

DAVID SHEPPARD - June 08, 2020 at 02:14 AM

MF

“ *Candy and family, my sympathy and prayers for you all*

Mullis Faye - June 07, 2020 at 01:32 PM

EJ

“ *With deepest sympathy from Ephrim Forney, Jr. & Family*



Ephrim Forney, Jr. - June 06, 2020 at 04:57 PM

GR

“ Gary & Debra Roberts lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Gary & Debra Roberts - June 05, 2020 at 02:09 PM

DB

“ Debbi Batchelor sent a virtual gift in memory of Rusty Kidd



Debbi Batchelor - June 05, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DB

Rusty always took time to stop and talk. If only for a moment. He now has wings to soar.

Debbi Batchelor - June 05, 2020 at 11:48 AM

CJ

“ All my condolences to the Kidd family. Rusty always impressed me when working together while he was in the legislature. He was also a great role-model for me to look at following my own spinal cord injury. I'll forever be grateful for his support, guidance, and many years of dedication advocating on behalf of those living life after SCI.

-Chase Jones

Chase Jones - June 04, 2020 at 08:46 PM

NC

“ Norma Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Norma Carpenter - June 04, 2020 at 05:00 PM

NC

My deepest condolences to the immediate family as well as to the 2nd family at MGM. I know you will all miss him dearly. I only had the opportunity to visit and meet Rusty a couple of times. But without a doubt he had deep passion for making the world a better place and a fierce positiveness that spread to those around him. May his legacy live on. RIP Rusty.

Norma Carpenter - June 04, 2020 at 05:04 PM

VS

“ *I began working for the Medical Association right after he left. I had the pleasure of working with Rusty as a lobbyist. I remember so vividly the day that Rusty had the accident. We were all in Hartwell at a fundraiser golf tournament and when he left he hopped on that motorcycle and rode off into the sunset. Not long after that, I went to visit Rusty at Shepherd Spinal Center when he was still sure that he would walk again. That didn't happen but Rusty persevered and never skipped a beat at the capitol. He was courageous and an example to all of us that when life gives you lemons, make lemonade!*

He will be missed by all of us who knew and worked with him. Rest in peace my strong friend.

Viki E. Staley

viki e staley - June 04, 2020 at 01:42 PM

RM

“ We enjoyed getting to know Rusty when I worked for Allied Business Services way back when. He was very personable and really enjoyed all people. He will be missed.

Ruth Terrell Morgan - June 04, 2020 at 11:30 AM

LS

“ Rusty will be missed by his friends and community. He was a wonderful, kind man. Prayers for his loved ones.

Larry/Angela Spillers - June 04, 2020 at 08:14 AM

CN

“ Rusty was a good friend of the family. He played ball with my dad . He was a Gentle Giant . We will miss him in Milledgeville. Prayers for the family.

Carolyn, Kathy, Karen Nolan

Carolyn Nolan - June 04, 2020 at 07:39 AM



MC

“ Mr. Rusty Kidd was truly a big giant at heart. Our first encounter was the start of a great working relationship. Genuine in who he was no matter how he said it, it was just that and you had to roll with it. We will certainly miss his sense of humor and his candid ability to get us moving in the right direction. Rest well Sir, it's your reward time.

Mary Parham Copelan - June 04, 2020 at 07:19 AM

MW

“ I knew Rusty most of my life and I considered him a very good friend. He was a great advocate for those with disabilities and the people of his district. He will be missed. The Kidd family will be in my thoughts and prayers over the coming days. Take care of each other,

Michael Webb - June 03, 2020 at 11:50 PM

JW

“ So sad. We were in each others weddings. We did some stupid things together. I was not the one who broke the bottle of cologne in his Toronado but I think I took the blame. He helped get me into law school 45 years ago. I'll never forgive him for that. He was truly larger than life.

Jonathan Weintraub - June 03, 2020 at 10:17 PM

SS

“ Shirley Sanders lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Shirley Sanders - June 03, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Deborah Durden sent a virtual gift in memory of Rusty Kidd



Deborah Durden - June 03, 2020 at 07:14 PM



Rusty and I Friends on Facebook he was very nice man will him greatly you have sincere heart felt condolences I'm so sorry for your loss. 🌹🌹

Deborah Durden - June 03, 2020 at 07:18 PM

BG

“ So sad to lose my friend Rusty. He was a friend to all. Rusty was always there to listen and help if possible. He loved Milledgeville. My prayers and deepest sympathy goes out to family, RIP Rusty Kidd!



Billy Griner - June 03, 2020 at 06:45 PM

RP

Rusty you will be missed so much by me and my family. Milledgeville lost a great citizen and ambassador. Rip rusty.

Roc patel - June 03, 2020 at 08:07 PM

CI

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the family. Rusty will be missed, he was always there when we needed him to help with a problem, chat or just give good advise



Camilla Ivey - June 03, 2020 at 05:39 PM

BP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Kidd family during this difficult time. Rusty was a wonderful man that meant the world to my family. Georgia has lost an important man and important piece of our history. Hoping he is upstairs now reunited with my dad and the old crew sharing stories and laughing. You will be greatly missed Rusty Kidd.

Blake Peugh - June 03, 2020 at 05:18 PM

SB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*



Sonny & Patsy Bass - June 03, 2020 at 05:12 PM

LL

“ *Prayers for the family! Milledgeville will definitely feel his loss!*

Louise Hall Layson - June 03, 2020 at 04:47 PM

DE

Prayer for his family you will truly be missed

Debramills - June 03, 2020 at 05:08 PM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
This community as lost its Greatest Promoter.
Tina and I have lost a good friend.*



Michael and Tina McEver - June 03, 2020 at 04:42 PM

MH

“ *Starting in 2003 through 2012 I served alongside Rusty on the Brain and Spinal injury trust fund. What a first class man that helped our advisory board navigate thus create the Central Registry. Rusty had a incredible sense of humor that allowed him to see the bigger picture in life. My name is Mark Halvorsen a man like Rusty that my traumatic injury in 1999. Gods all over it.*

Mark Halvorsen - June 03, 2020 at 03:58 PM

FL

“ So sorry for your be loss, your family is in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Mr. Rusty



Fay Leverett - June 03, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ Alice Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Alice Hunnicutt - June 03, 2020 at 02:42 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at JMG 🙏❤️



Luther Minor - June 03, 2020 at 02:23 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Barbara Jackson - June 03, 2020 at 01:56 PM

BF

“ *Batchelor - White Family lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Batchelor - White family - June 03, 2020 at 01:50 PM

CL

“ *Carolyn Leverette-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Carolyn Leverette-Searcy - June 03, 2020 at 12:25 PM

JO

“ *Joan Oxford lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Joan Oxford - June 03, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DO

“ *Donna Oxford lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Donna Oxford - June 03, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Deborah Durden sent a virtual gift in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Deborah Durden - June 03, 2020 at 10:33 AM



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“ *Jackie Lee lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Jackie Lee - June 03, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ *Fred Greene lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd*



Fred Greene - June 03, 2020 at 08:27 AM

DW

“ Prayers to Rusty Kidd's family..He was one of the good ones..God Bless

Debra Wolfe - June 03, 2020 at 08:16 AM

MA

“ Mark And Wendy Archer lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Mark and Wendy Archer - June 03, 2020 at 07:59 AM

KK

“ Keith And Gina Kuehn lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Keith and Gina Kuehn - June 03, 2020 at 07:32 AM

MF

“ I am saddened to hear of Rusty's passing. He was such a strong supporter of the community. I very much enjoyed getting to know him the times that he supported groups that I volunteered with. He was an excellent example of willpower and power. He will be missed.

Mary Anne Frame - June 03, 2020 at 04:48 AM

HY

“ *My condolences to Mr. Rusty family. He will be missed*



Helen Youngblood - June 02, 2020 at 11:18 PM

PH

“ *My husband, Dicky Hooks, went to school With Rusty. They were good friends So sorry for your loss. Praying g for Rustys family. Lord give them peace and comfort in this time of sorrow*

priscilla hooks - June 02, 2020 at 10:16 PM

BD

“ *Rusty and I grew up together. I would like to express my condolences to his family. We lost contact after his dad died, but I always liked Rusty and considered him a good friend. Bobbie Little Duggan.*

Barbara Little Duggan - June 02, 2020 at 09:49 PM

JF

Rusty Kidd was a truly fine man. He always thought of others and gave his money and time generously. I've known him my entire life. He will be greatly missed

Janet Pennington Ferguson - June 03, 2020 at 08:21 AM

JS

“ Rusty was my friend, God you got a good Man.
God Blessed His Family.



Jimmy&Brenda Snellgrove - June 02, 2020 at 09:28 PM

CN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Rusty was a good friend to our family.
Your family will be in our prayers.

Carolyn, Kathy, Karen Nolan

Carolyn Nolan - June 02, 2020 at 09:03 PM

MH

“ Merel Harrison lit a candle in memory of
Rusty Kidd



Merel Harrison - June 02, 2020 at 08:54 PM

MN

“ We're very sad to learn of the loss of our great friend. I always felt honored to be in the same graduating class with Rusty. He has been a true friend to many for a long time. Our county and state has lost a great man who will certainly be missed. May God's blessings be on the family in this time of grief. Mike & Gayle Newton

Mike & Gayle Newton - June 02, 2020 at 08:40 PM

GS

“ So sorry to hear of Rusty's passing. I have know Rusty for many years. My Aunt Gillie worked for his Daddy. We grew up together. He was so good to my Aunt after Culver died. I will never forget his generosity . He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love Gayle Hutchins Simmons

Gayle Simmons - June 02, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Rusty will be missed by so many. He was truly an asset to Milledgeville. Loved his parents and the whole family. Candy, remember our escapades at the Labor Department so many years ago? I have so many wonderful memories from years ago with Rusty (the yellow corvette, flying over Milledgeville checking out the scenery, the great parties, etc.) So glad I got to see you last week.

Anne Burgamy - June 02, 2020 at 08:24 PM

DH

“ David And Joyce Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



David and Joyce Hunnicutt - June 02, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JB

“ To Rusty's family, I am so sorry to hear this. I gave known Rusty for a long time. Please know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers. Jo & Ray Bouchillon

Jo Bouchillon - June 02, 2020 at 08:08 PM

CY

“ To the Family, Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during your time of grief. Rest in Peace Rusty.



Casey & Judy Jackson Youngblood - June 02, 2020 at 07:02 PM

BE

“ Bonnie Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Bonnie Eubanks - June 02, 2020 at 06:53 PM

TB

“ I have known Rusty since he was born and I am saddened to hear this. Rest In Peace now Rusty and tell Jim “hi”. You will be missed.

Tony Sloan Brown - June 02, 2020 at 06:43 PM

GL

So sorry to learn of Rusty's passing .I remember when he was a young man and his Father Culver Kidd had the drugstore

Gertrude Lewis - June 02, 2020 at 07:10 PM

SP

“ Sheela Pounds lit a candle in memory of Rusty Kidd



Sheela Pounds - June 02, 2020 at 06:41 PM

SP

Sorry to hear of Rusty passing. My prayers are with the family.

Sheela Pounds - June 02, 2020 at 06:42 PM

FG

A great man has past. Our prays and thoughts are with the family

Fred Greene - June 03, 2020 at 08:29 AM

MM

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. This community has lost its Greatest Promoter, Tina and I have lost a friend. Michael and Tina McEver

Michael Mcever - June 03, 2020 at 10:01 AM

DT

Thank you Rusty for all you did for others. No more wheelchairs nor looking for Handicapped Parking. Fly Rusty.

Delene Taylor - June 04, 2020 at 07:17 AM

RW

Our deepest condolences to Culver and family. We have known and loved Rusty since childhood. He will truly be missed and it is a great loss for Milledgeville. Russ and Anne Walden

Russ and Anne Walden - June 04, 2020 at 05:45 PM