



Tommy Guillebeau

June 18, 1932 - January 10, 2015

Mr. Robert Thomas (Tommy) Guillebeau, of Owens Road died January 10, 2015 at his residence. He was 82 years old and had resided in Evans since 2005, having moved here from Thomaston, GA.

Mr. Guillebeau, son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Leila Glaze Guillebeau, was a native of Lincolnton. He was predeceased by a brother, Dr. Dempsey Guillebeau, and a sister, Lenoir LaMountt.

He graduated from Lincolnton High School, where he played football, and was a scholarship athlete at Gordon Military College and Presbyterian College. He held degrees from Presbyterian College, Peabody College, and the University of Georgia that prepared him for a lifelong service in the field of education.

After honorably serving in the US Army as a helicopter pilot and as the Flight Aide to the Division Commander, Mr. Guillebeau was a teacher and coach in the schools of Warren County, Ware County, and Tift County. He was principal of Cedartown High School prior to becoming Superintendent of the Polk County Schools. He also served as the Headmaster of Gatewood Academy in Putnam County.

Perhaps one of his greatest professional achievements was serving the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) and eventually becoming the Executive Director of that organization. During his tenure as Executive Director the state semifinals were moved to the Georgia Dome and all state basketball and football championship games were broadcast for the first time. He was also instrumental in the GHSA funded catastrophic insurance policy

that covers every Georgia high school athlete. Furthermore, he was also instrumental in starting the state-wide cheerleading competition.

Mr. Guillebeau is survived by his wife, Gail Pitts Guillebeau; two daughters: Donna G. Williams & husband, Rick, of Milledgeville, GA and Beth G. McElwee & husband, Bobby, of Gainesville, GA; a son, Joe Guillebeau of Wilmington, DE; a sister-in-law, Peggy Guillebeau of Albany, GA; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren along with a number of nieces & nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, January 12, 2015 in the Lincolnton Baptist Church with Dr. Ralph Swearngin and Rev. Tripp Goodwin officiating. Interment will follow in the Lincolnton City Cemetery. Pallbearers include Watson Guillebeau, David Guillebeau, Mark Guillebeau, Kip Burdette, Dan Burdette, and Lee Chomskis.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until the hour of service on Monday in the fellowship hall of the church. The family also requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Lincolnton Baptist Church, PO Box 357, Lincolnton, GA 30817

Please visit the website at www.beggsfuneralhome.net and sign the guestbook.

Beggs Funeral Home 200 May Ave., Lincolnton, GA 30817, Phone: 706-359-4117

Cemetery Details

Lincolnton City Cemetery

Lincolnton, GA 30817

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lincolnton Baptist Church
Lincolnton, GA 30817

Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Lincolnton, GA 30817

Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Donna and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May peace and comfort find you at this difficult time.*

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Beth Coleman Carlton and family*



Beth - January 14, 2015 at 08:08 PM

PC

“ *So very sorry to hear of the loss of your father Mrs. Donna Williams and family! Our condolences and prayers go out to you! Paula and Benji Cartwright*



Paula Cartwright - January 13, 2015 at 12:55 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



LUTHER MINOR - January 13, 2015 at 11:41 AM

LG

“ So Sorry to read this news. may God bless the family with strength during this time of loss. Sending Love and Prayers to the family.



Lynn Garland - January 12, 2015 at 07:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tommy Guillebeau.



January 11, 2015 at 09:30 PM

ET

“ Dear Joe, We are sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Bob, Erin, Bobby and Michael Tangredi

Erin Tangredi - January 11, 2015 at 09:21 PM

IR

“ Mr. Guillebeau hired me in 1977 to teach at Cedartown High School where I spent 31 years. In 1980 he hired my wife to be the payroll clerk for Polk School District where she spent 30 years.

Thank you Mr. Guillebeau for believing in us and giving both of us careers in education.

Ivan and Pattie Ray - January 11, 2015 at 09:08 PM

GM

“ *My sincere condolences to Mrs. Gail and all of Tommy's family. I was on the Polk County School Board when Tommy was our Superintendent. Tommy's integrity and foresight surpassed many others. He will be missed not only by his friends in Polk County, but also across the State of Georgia.*

*Gary Martin,
Cedartown, Ga.*

Gary Martin - January 11, 2015 at 06:21 PM

TD

“ *I never knew Mr. Guillebeau, but after reading a little about his life, I can plainly see he was quite a man. He made this earth a better place for all.*



Our Prayers and Condolences to Family and Friends. May The Good Lord Wrap His Loving Arms Around Each Of You During This Sad Time.

Terry, Susan, and Betty Daniel - January 11, 2015 at 03:19 PM

EO

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Guillebeau was an awesome principal. Cedartown High School in August 1970 had an amazing air of excitement for we were entering a new school, and we had a new principal. He didn't disappoint, for we, the students, did love him. Thank you Mr. Guillebeau for being such a wonderful role model. Love and prayers to the family. Elaine Mitchell Osborn*

Elaine Osborn - January 11, 2015 at 02:40 PM



Duane
Kitchens

“ *Mr. Guillibeau was my first administrator and taught me many lessons during that crucial first year. The best tribute I could give him is to have emulated his philosophies for the past 27 years. Like so many others, I am truly blessed to have know Mr. Guillibeau. My prayers are with his family.*

Duane Kitchens - January 11, 2015 at 11:47 AM



CP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. Mr. Guillebeau was greatly admired and respected. He left a positive mark in my life and many others at CHS, Cedartown.*

Conni Haskin Purser - January 11, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *'m so sorry for your loss, Donna. I thought the world of your daddy. He had the perfect balance of wisdom, discipline and a sense of humor; he did so much for CHS. Mr. Guillebeau is on of the reasons I went into education. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jean Nielsen - January 11, 2015 at 09:59 AM



DW

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.....I know how deep the hurt is to lose a father. Donna Whitis...shelbyville, kentucky*

donna whitis - January 11, 2015 at 08:47 AM



DA

“ *Mrs. Donna I'm sorry about your lost my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time may God give you strength during the time of your loss of love one*

Dontrelle Andrews - January 11, 2015 at 08:15 AM

DD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
David and Camille (Vincent) Donaldson*

David and Camille Donaldson - January 11, 2015 at 07:39 AM

CG

“ *My condolences for your loss. Mr. Guillebeau was a tough but realistic principal. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Claire Gammon*

Claire Gammon - January 11, 2015 at 07:30 AM

TM

“ *There are no words to express how sorry we are for the loss of your beloved Father. I know the love a daughter had for her Daddy is measureless. May you always treasure those loving memories. May God give you peace, comfort, and strength to get you through this difficult time.*

Tina and Michael McEver

Tina G. McEver - January 10, 2015 at 10:44 PM



SP

“ *Donna, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. If I can help you any way please let me know. We love you all and you are so special to us.*

Sheela Pounds - January 10, 2015 at 10:26 PM



KB

“ *Sorry for your loss Donna and Rick, you all are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



Karen & Kenny Babb - January 10, 2015 at 09:21 PM