



(Tom) William Thomas Jennings

August 1, 2009

William Thomas Jennings Sr. (Tom Jennings) was born on December 07, 1954 in Mobile, Alabama to Joe and Jean Jennings. He devoted his life to his family, his church and loved all those he came in contact with. He skipped his senior year in high school and chose to go to Brigham Young University. After one semester, he returned home to marry his high school sweetheart Betsy.

Tom was born with an adventurous spirit. During the years, he was a nuclear reactor operator in the Navy, a fundraiser, an elementary school teacher and after reading a book and wanting to build a home for himself ,he became a Timber Frammer, building homes in the old world tradition. This became a passion of his that he turned into a career for numerous years. He was also business manager for his wife's business The School of Dance for 21 yrs.

Even though Tom was busy with his family and careers he never forgot who he was and why he was here on earth. He served the Lord in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints through the callings that were extended to him. He served numerous times as Young Men's President, and councilor in the same organization. He served as Elders Quorum president, High Priest Group Leader, Counselor to the Bishop, and Bishop of the Milledgeville Ward for 6 years. His service extended to the regional Level as a Macon Stake High Council Member. His final service was as a Counselor in the Macon Stake Presidency to President Terrance Warnock and Counselor Mark Wallentine.

Tom leaves a legacy of 4 sons. Will Jennings, Mark Jennings(Kelly Jennings), Matt Jennings, and Clay Jennings. His wife, of 36 years, was Betsy Spinks Jennings. He leaves three grandchildren - Lee Jennings (12), Jackson Jennings (3) and Katelyn Jennings (2), two brothers, Robert Paul Jennings of Las Angeles, CA., Jody Jennings (Melinda Jennings) of Fayetteville GA, Edwinia Gill(Tommy) of Theodore, Al, and Margaret Newburn (Melvin) of Eight Mile, AL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Jean Johnson Jennings.

Visitation is at 6:00pm at Williams Funeral Home on Sunday Evening A memorial service will be held at the Milledgeville Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 6:30 pm on Monday Evening. Interment will be at the Choctaw Corner Cemetery in his hometown of Thomasville, Alabama.

Tribute Wall



“ Amber and I would like to say how sorry we are for your loss. Ms. Betsy you have such a wonderful family and and kind heart, let God comfort you and the memories carry you..
Much love, Amber and Regina###imported-begin##Amber /Regina Bullard###imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 01:08 PM



“ Will,
I am so sorry to hear about your fathers passing. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Angelina Quinones###imported-end##

August 13, 2009 at 06:34 PM



“ Our thoughts are with your family during this difficult time. Tom was kind and caring man.###imported-begin##Garry and Marilu Couch###imported-end##

August 09, 2009 at 08:48 PM



“ Ms. Betsy and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Jennings. He was so sweet, kind, and pleasant to us every time we saw him. My son, Brandon, was so excited to buy his first truck from Mr. Jennings. Brandon loved that Scotsdale! Mr. Jennings was my daughter Ashley's teacher at Midway, and she absolutely loved him. He will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ann L. Portwood##imported-end##

August 05, 2009 at 01:14 PM



“ Ms. Betsy,
I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Tom's passing. You and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers daily. Your house was my second home growing up and I spent the best years of my life on that bottom floor. You, Mr. Tom and the boys were family to me and will remain that way forever. I love you!##imported-begin##Tara Meeks Allen##imported-end##

August 05, 2009 at 08:22 AM



“ Mr. Tom, you and your family were so terrific to me as a kid. I'm sorry you lost your life to this terrible disease. You were a stellar father and great to Miss Betsy! I aspire to find a husband and father as great as you.
With Love,
Nickole Wright##imported-begin##Nickole Wright##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 10:36 PM



“ Dear Betsy and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Tom’s passing. I have so many fond memories of Tom around the studio and of course, at the dance recitals. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Cindy###imported-begin###Cindy England (Faith's Mom)###imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 06:02 PM



“ Betsy,
We are so very sad to hearing of Tommy's passing. I know that you and your boys will miss him terribly. It seems like only yesterday when we were all in school together. You were his true love. Our prayers will be with all of you.###imported-begin###Susan and Lionel Osborn###imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 03:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr.Tom. I love your family so much and have known your family for such a long time. Please know that I am here for each and everyone. Please feel free to call me if I can do anything! I will rememeber everyone in my prayers. Lots of Love~ ashley###imported-begin###Ashley N. Black###imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 02:13 PM



“ *Betsy and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of your family. Mr. Tom was always building something and never spared a bright smile. My symphathies for your loss.##imported-begin##Melissa (Williams) Bunte##imported-end##*

August 04, 2009 at 01:41 PM



“ *I am the drive-thru teller at Suntrust (previously First National Bank of the South). I would like to send my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Jennings. I enjoyed having him as a customer because he could always brighten your day. He always drove up with a smile on his face and was always a genuinely nice person. I am sorry to hear of his passing and will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Jessica Porter##imported-end##*

August 04, 2009 at 01:22 PM



“ *Betsy,
I was so shocked to hear that Tom had died. Our family has very special memories of all of the "dance years." You and he and the boys have always been very dear to us. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Cheryl Williams##imported-end##*

August 04, 2009 at 12:45 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family, that you will find peace during this difficult time. May God bless you all!##imported-begin##Angel Barlow Filley##imported-end##*

August 04, 2009 at 12:38 PM



“ Mrs. Betsy and family,

I am sorry for the loss of such a special part of your family. The Lord blessed me to be able to share in great times with you and your family while I was in college. You are such a wonderful and caring family that opened their home to me and my cousin without even really knowing me. I will lift up your family and Mr. Tom in my daily prayers and pray that He continue to bless you in many ways.##imported-begin##Brandi Batson (Johnson)##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 11:14 AM



“ Dearest Betsy and boys,

Wish we could be there with you now. Meeting you both when you first moved to Milledgeville and watching your family grow. Tom was always so friendly and fun. We know that our families are for eternity and being apart is just for a short time. Wishing you all peace. Love Connie and Denny##imported-begin##Connie & Denny Roberts##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 10:30 AM



“ To Betsy and family,

We will always remember Tom as one of the nicest men to know. Just remember we love you and are remembering you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Gerald, Elaine, & Alison Grimes##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ Dear Betsy & Family,
We were so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Tom was such a wonderful man and anyone who ever met him knew of his devotion to you and his family! He touched so many people with his wonderful smile and sweet spirit. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Debra & Coley Paschal##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 09:39 AM



“ I was very saddened to learn of the passing of Tom, he was a good man. My prayer is that God will give you the grace and comfort you need during this time.##imported-begin##Walter Prestwood##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 09:08 AM



“ Mrs. Betsy and Will, So sorry to hear about Mr. Tom I just spoke to him not too long ago and he was catching me up on all the family. We are praying for you. Chris and Cindy Tipton##imported-begin##The Tipton Family##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 08:19 AM



“ Betsy, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Carol and Ken Vance##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 11:20 PM



“ Mr. Jennings was a great role model for his four sons. However, he also has been a great role model for countless other young men in this community. He lived his life the right way and subsequently provided a great example to follow. This community was lucky to have him for as long as we did. Milledgeville/Baldwin County already is not the same place. To the family: A family death is a personal journey and it's okay to grieve at your own pace; there are no timetables or benchmarks. However, also remember that time heals. Always has and always will. Take care and God bless.##imported-begin##Chris McKearney##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 09:48 PM



“ Dear Betsy and family,
We are so sad to hear of your husbands passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sherri & Holly Zant##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 08:57 PM



“ Matt, Will, & family my thoughts & prayers are with you guys in this difficult time! He was a great man & will live on with you! Please let me know if you need anything!##imported-begin##Abbie Watkins##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ Betsy, Clay & Family,
We are thinking of you and praying for you. I am so glad we had the opportunity to meet you and Tom and your awesome family. Love Ya!##imported-begin##Scott and Kathy Allen##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 02:39 PM



“ Mrs.Betsy, So sorry for the loss of Mr.Jennings. I have so many wonderful memories of dancing at the studio. I still watch the tapes. You and Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##Lauren Kennedy##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 12:53 PM



“ Betsy, We Just Want To Express Our Sympathy and Let You Know Your Family Is In Our Prayers. May GOD Bless You All.##imported-begin##Gerry & Dianne Fendley##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 11:22 AM



“ I had only been a missionary for less than one week and was homesick during the Christmas season. The Jennings were kind enough to have us over for Christmas dinner and take us in like family. The Jennings were my family that Christmas day in 2002. Tom was a spiritual giant and was always great to hear his testimony and excitement for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He would see us in the streets and pull over to give us rides, he was always there for us. I enjoyed seeing him at church even after I left Milledgeville and was serving in Macon. His smile and kind words will never be forgotten. I will never forget the Jennings family. I spoke with time about a year and a half ago when he called me to tell me that Bro. David Webb had passed away. I never imagined that would be the last time I would speak to him. He kept saying "We're certainly going to miss him" about Brother Webb. The same is certainly true with Bro. Tom Jennings. A spiritual giant that I will never forget.##imported-begin##Brady Haider (Elder)##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 11:04 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to Betsy and the family. Tom was a special man.

Love

The Tillsons###imported-begin###Butch Tillson###imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 08:46 AM



“ Betsy, watching you and Tom as I grew up had a profound affect on my idea of what marriage and life on this earth should be. I know that your strength and many prayers will help you through the days ahead. Lean on your family and all of the people who love you. We are all grateful to have had Tom in our lives.###imported-begin###Beth Deraney Braddy###imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 08:36 AM



“ So sorry for your loss a great leader and advisor to our familyagain light a path. Thank you bless your family###imported-begin###Steve&Roberta Hensley###imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 11:30 PM



“ Dearest Betsy, and family,

My prayers and thoughts are with you. I am so glad for the knowledge we all share of "Families Are Forever". Tom was such a special and kind giant of a man, he will be missed. We love you and care for you all.

Love Pat###imported-begin###Pat Miller###imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 11:20 PM



“ *Sister Jennings and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Br.Jennings was an exceptional man. He
will be missed a great deal.
Steven and Desi Ellis###imported-begin##Desi Ellis###imported-
end##*

August 02, 2009 at 09:47 PM



“ *Betsy and Family
We just recieved the email from the Mobleys about your wonderful
husband and Father Tom. Our hearts are broken for your loss. we
have such great memories of Tom. His smile, his adventourous and
positive spirit and his great love for his family.
Wish we could be there to give you a Big Hug Betsy!
Love and Gods comfort and Blessings
Pam and Rick###imported-begin##Rick and Pam
Steinke###imported-end##*

August 02, 2009 at 08:56 PM



“ *Dear Betsy:*

*Our hearts go out to you and your family. Every time we saw Tom
he always had a smile on his face - he had a very positive outlook
on life - he was very devoted to you, the boys and the church. We
are blessed to have know him. Please let us know if we can do
anything for you and your family.###imported-begin##Ray and
Donna Epps###imported-end##*

August 02, 2009 at 08:43 PM



“ Mrs. Betsy, So sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Tom. My girls and I cherish the memories of your dance studio and all those wonderful recitals with the Jennings family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Renita Salter, Holly & Candace Bevins###imported-begin###Renita Salter###imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 06:39 PM



“ Ms. Betsy and family- Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family at this time.###imported-begin###KEITH AND NANCY GARNT0###imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 05:57 PM



“ Betsy ,
My Thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys now . Please find comfort in our religion .

Kathy###imported-begin###David & Kathy McLott###imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 05:17 PM



“ *Betsy and her Boys,*

We have known you since you first came to Milledgeville in the little black Porsche. What great fun we have had together all these years, seeing our children grow up together. Tom was so special to all of us and our memories will never go away. Cling together now as a family and get through this emotional time. The sun will shine again for you. We love you all.

Jo & Dug Grimes##imported-begin##JJo & Dug Grimes##imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 04:55 PM



“ *Mrs. Betsy - I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Rebecca Grant Cummiskey##imported-end##*

August 02, 2009 at 04:47 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of being in y'all's home when we took dance. I am praying that you all find peace. Love you and God bless.##imported-begin##Allison Huff##imported-end##*

August 02, 2009 at 04:16 PM



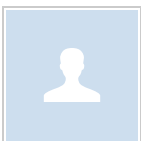
“ *BETSY,CLAY AND FAMILY,
THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE WHAT A GREAT
PERSON "MR.TOM" WAS. ALL OF THE DANCE
LESSONS,RECITALS AND GREAT THINGS HE DID FOR ALL
THR GIRLS THAT WENT TO "MRS. BETSY's FOR DANCE. HE
WAS SUCH A THOUGHTFUL PERSON,AND LOVED HIS FAMILY
DEARLY. BETSY, YOU AND TOM HAD SUCH A SPECIAL
RELATIONSHIP, AND RAISED 4 GREAT BOYS. BLESS YOU
ALL,AND KNOW THAT WE LOVE YOU AND ARE THINKING OF
YOU AT THIS TIME.
FRIENDS, KAREN & AMBER EVANS###imported-begin##KAREN &
AMBR EVANS###imported-end##*

August 02, 2009 at 04:02 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love to you
all.###imported-begin##Cynthia Rice###imported-end##*

August 02, 2009 at 03:58 PM



“ *I never did get to know Tom, but I did have the pleasure of growing
up with Will. Will's kindness is a testament of how nurturing his
parents were. My family and I recently lost someone very dear to
us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Jennings family. Put
trust into family and friends to help you get through this difficult
time.###imported-begin##Matthew Sikking###imported-end##*

August 02, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I love you all deeply.

Shanna (Schrimshire) Brown##imported-begin##Shanna (Schrimshire) Brown##imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ Jennings Family,

Our thoughts and prayers ae with you and yours. Tom was a gentleman's gentleman, trusted by all who knew him, and none of us have had a truer friend. God's Speed!

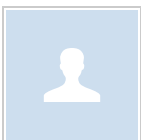
Al & Debi Jensen##imported-begin##Al Jensen##imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go with you and the family... Tom was a wonderful man and he added so much to your dance school. We are all blessed by the touch he left us with. I know it is hard... but please know your friends and GOD is there to support you. Love, Janice##imported-begin##Janice Seagraves Harris##imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 03:09 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Faith Hyman##imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 02:20 PM



“ We are remembering you in our prayers during this time.

*With love and sympathy,
Jimmy and Sheila##imported-begin##Jimmy and Sheila
Youmans##imported-end##*

August 01, 2009 at 09:28 PM



“ Sending much love to all of you. Mr. Tom was a great example to all of us.##imported-begin##Leia Eubanks##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ What an inspiration President Jennings has been to so many people! He will be greatly missed. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Victor & Tammy Rigole##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 05:42 PM



“ Betsy and sons, I will always remember Tom's kindness to all of us throughout the dance studio years. What a wonderful family you are and my heart hurts for your loss. I pray for God's comfort for you.##imported-begin##Beth Eubanks##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 05:20 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Bryan & Becky Labat##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 04:28 PM



“ *To Betsy, Will, Mark, Matt and Clay,*

You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. We love you all and will miss Tom greatly.##imported-begin##The Balkcom Family##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ *Betsy and family,*

Words cannot express the sorrow that we feel for you and your family. Please accept our deepest condolences. May God Bless each of you and give you strength.##imported-begin##Sherrie & Deon Gala##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 03:48 PM