



William "Rhett" Harrison

July 26, 1952 - January 6, 2022

William Rhett Harrison, 69, of Milledgeville, GA passed away on January 6, 2022, at Northside Hospital in Cumming, GA from heart failure.

Rhett was born in Griffin, GA on July 26, 1952, to Claire (Short) and Frank Harrison, both deceased. He grew up in Florida where he became a lifelong, diehard Florida Gator fan. Rhett moved to Milledgeville in 1967, entered Georgia Military College in the ninth grade and played football through high school, graduating in 1970. Rhett loved and supported GMC the rest of his life, even though he said he had to walk the bullpen quite a bit.

Rhett earned an Associate of Arts degree from Middle Georgia College and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Georgia. While at UGA, Rhett became a member of Sigma Chi and played intramural fraternity flag football. He was very proud to be a UGA alumni and patron to the end. The Sigma Chi brotherhood was also very important to Rhett, and he still had a strong bond with his fraternity brothers.

After God, family and county, football and music were Rhett's main passions. He loved the GMC, UGA and SEC teams, but his heart was his Florida Gators at The Swamp. He pulled for Georgia in all games except against Florida, then it was the Gators all the way. He had a dual GA/FL tag on his truck and caught heat locally when wearing his Gator clothing, but we all know he was celebrating in heaven when the Dawgs won the National Championship! Rhett also loved Southern Rock and worked as a booking agent during the genre's heyday in Macon. His favorite band was the Allman Brothers and has

Dwayne, Greg and Dickie hanging in his living room. When he was driving, he was listening to pop gospel or ABB, Marshall Tucker, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Wet Willie and all the boys from the South.

Rhett's career spanned a variety of industries. From booking bands after college, to teaching and coaching, to mobile home sales, and finally to establishing his own insurance agency in 2009, they all had one thing in common – people. Rhett loved people and loved to interact with people. He remained close to childhood, high school, and college friends his whole life. His opening line with everyone was “How are you doing”? He was genuinely concerned about the well-being of everyone he met.

Rhett had many accomplishments he took pride in. He was particularly proud of his GMC team's winning record when he was a defensive coordinator in the 1978 season. The first 5 games the defense gave up no points. Rhett was also an animal lover. He owned and showed Alaskan Malamutes and Siberian Huskies in the eighties, winning Best in Breed at the Tallahassee Kennel Club dog show in 1986. In his later years, Rhett was a proponent of animal rescue and took satisfaction in supporting rescue organizations. He loved feeding the squirrels and birds in his backyard. One squirrel would come and look at him through the window when he was out of food, and he really got a kick out of that. He was especially proud of his business he built from the ground up, his home and his marriage. He also reveled in the accomplishments of his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

God was number one in Rhett's life. He became a member of the First Independent Methodist Church of Eatonton, GA in 1999. Rhett loved the church and was best friends with his pastor, Ron Smith. His strong faith sustained him through years of tough orthopedic surgeries, heart events, personal tragedies, and life challenges.

Rhett had an intense love of family and is survived by his wife Mary; children Wylly Rhett, Anna Claire (husband Daniel), Tony (wife Jamie) and Jamie (husband Nate); grandchildren Liam, Annabelle, Bailey, Gracie, Emily, Drew and Mara; brother Billy Harrison (wife Edith), sister Rhonda Hincapie

(husband Alfredo), brother Russell Harding (wife George), nieces and nephews Steven (wife Daphne), Kris (wife Jessica), Brittany (husband Robert), Sophia, Nick, Hunter and Sinclair, and new great-nephew Hudson (who wore the Ga Bulldog outfit uncle Rhett gave him for Christmas for the big game); rescue dogs Mary and Scooby; as well as many loved cousins from the Short and Harrison families.

Rhett also leaves behind many, many friends, in-laws, neighbors, customers and acquaintances who will dearly miss his laughter and caring heart.

A special celebration of life for Rhett is being planned and will be announced as soon as possible. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Georgia Military College of Milledgeville or First Independent Methodist Church of Eatonton. God Rest a Beautiful Soul.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Adams Acres Riverside Events
150 Old River Bridge Road, SE
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Tribute Wall



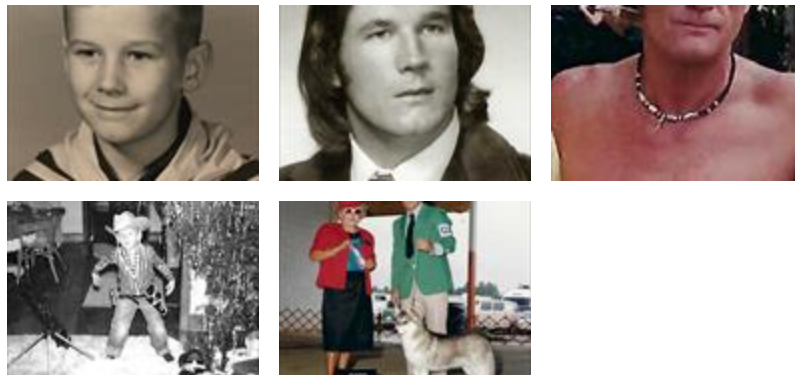
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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 25, 2022 at 03:30 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 21, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ My condolences to his family. Knew him in highschool. He was a sweet friend. I am saddened to hear of his passing. Prayers for peace and comfort to his family.
Margie Veiga Headley.

Margie Veiga Headley - February 07, 2022 at 11:27 AM

GS

“ My sweet cousin Rhett. I will miss you and your sense of humor. We shared some good times over the years and especially as kids. I know you knew I was only joking when I said we hated to see you coming to stay at High Falls with us for the summer! Those are precious memories etched forever in my mind 😊❤️ Rest dear cousin, our Lord knew how much you needed it. Always and forever
Glenda Harrison Sams

Glenda Harrison Sams - January 28, 2022 at 12:50 PM

CM

“ Rhett at the Baldwin GMC 40th Class Reunion with Larry Allen and classmate Tom Moore.



Charles Middlebrooks - January 24, 2022 at 09:40 PM

AM

“ Rhett was a kind, considerate friend that I always enjoyed catching up with! He will be missed by many. Blessings to Rhett and his family.



Allen Martin - January 24, 2022 at 01:55 PM

CM

“ *My condolences to Rhett's family and friends.
Charles Middlebrooks
Baldwin and GMC Class 1970*



Charles Middlebrooks - January 23, 2022 at 07:15 PM

FB

“ *Russell, Mary & Family,
So sorry to hear about Rhett's passing--he was one of my favorite
teachers, coaches & a lifelong friend. It was great reconnecting
when I moved back to Milledgeville & he will missed.*

May he rest in peace.

Frank Baugh



Frank Baugh - January 22, 2022 at 12:39 PM

DW

*Oh dear, sweet Rhett....how missed you are by so many of us.
Cherished memories I will always hold dear in my heart. My deepest
sympathy to your Mary and family. Still so hard to believe. Heaven
gained quite an Angel Debbie and Butch Wilkinson*

Debbie and Butch Wilkinson - January 31, 2022 at 09:56 PM

JB

“ Mary, I was shocked and saddened to hear about Rhett. I knew him from many years ago when he helped coach my son's football team at Walter B. Williams. Rhett was always polite as could be and the boys on the team surely liked him. I did see him a time or two at Tucan Tans and you guys made a great couple. I know you will miss him very much! You're in our prayers. Condolences to all family members.



Jill Blackwell - January 16, 2022 at 10:23 PM

DP

“ Prayers going up for the family. Rhett was a good man he will be missed



Debbie Yeager Pounds - January 16, 2022 at 02:47 PM

RC

“ Mrs Mary, I am so sorry to hear of Rhett's passing. He was so kind to check on me while I was in the hospital. I will miss seeing him at the office. Many prayers going out to you nad your family.
Robert Cook

Robert Cook - January 13, 2022 at 03:18 PM

KW

So sorry to hear about Rhett! Mary you are in my thoughts and prayers



Kimi Watts - January 16, 2022 at 03:36 AM

DH

This is for you and the family. We were saddened to hear the news of Rhett's passing. He was most loved by his friends and family. Prayers going up

Debra wilkinson hood - January 21, 2022 at 05:18 AM

KB

“ *Kim Burgamy lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison*



Kim Burgamy - January 12, 2022 at 03:55 PM

SE

“ *Rhett I lit a Red Candle for you and the Georgia win over Alabama. I know you were watching from heaven on Monday night. We will miss you dear friend and brother-in-law.*
Susie

Susan Edenfield - January 12, 2022 at 10:02 AM

SE

“ *Susan Edenfield lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison*



Susan Edenfield - January 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM

DF

“ *Debbie Fry lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison*



Debbie Fry - January 12, 2022 at 08:48 AM

MR

“ *Mike Renka lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison*



mike renka - January 12, 2022 at 12:04 AM

MR

“ *I would like to send my condolences to the family of Rhett Harrison. We became good friends when Rhett's family moved to milledgeville (carrington woods on cedarwood drive). We had a lot of good times together as we grew from young whippersnappers playing football and many shenanigans at gmc through the trials and tribulations of young adults until we finally grew up and joined the adult world. As with all of us , adulthood put some distance between us, but the reunions were fun. Rest In Peace my friend - Mike Renka*

mike renka - January 12, 2022 at 12:02 AM

AD

“ *Rhett was such a sweet man and he touched our hearts with his wonderful personality and willingness to help anyway he could. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mike and Aimee Durden*

Aimee Durden - January 11, 2022 at 08:31 PM

DW

“ Rhett , I was honored. to call you friend. My deepest sympathy to your friends and family may you rest peacefully you will certainly be missed. Forever young and healthy in heaven💕💕🙏

Debra wilkinson - January 11, 2022 at 04:56 PM

DG

“ David Grant lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison



David Grant - January 11, 2022 at 11:21 AM

GW

“ Greg Waddell lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison



Greg Waddell - January 11, 2022 at 09:49 AM

MJ

“ Mario De Laosa Will always cherish our Hgh school years together at GMC. In Loving memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mario De Laosa Jr. - January 11, 2022 at 01:27 AM

MJ

“ Please accept my deepest heartfelt sympathy to to my most beloved friend Rhett .God Bless You my blessed friend,and Rest in Peace.

Mario De Laosa Jr. - January 11, 2022 at 01:16 AM

MH

“ Merel Harrison lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison



Merel Harrison - January 10, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ Alice Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of William "Rhett" Harrison



Alice Hunnicutt - January 09, 2022 at 10:37 PM

DW

“ My deepest sympathy to Mary and the family. Our hearts are broken. Rhett was one of a kind and very loved also by his friends. He was a special man and is going to be missed by many. I certainly will. Debbie and Butch Wilkinson



Debbie Bloodworth Wilkinson - January 09, 2022 at 12:09 PM

NF

“ Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.
Nancy Gercken Floyd



Nancy Gercken Floyd - January 08, 2022 at 07:54 PM

LC

“ Lisa Dillard Castillo lit a candle in memory of
William "Rhett" Harrison



Lisa Dillard Castillo - January 08, 2022 at 01:12 PM

SH

“ Mary, so sorry to hear about Rhett. He was a great person to work
with over the years and a really true friend.. My heartfelt
condolences to you and all the family. He is at peace with God now
and out of pain. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and all
during this difficult time.

Shirley Hatfeidl - January 08, 2022 at 11:39 AM

RJ

“ Rita A. Judy lit a candle in memory of William
"Rhett" Harrison



Rita A. Judy - January 08, 2022 at 03:18 AM

MF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rhett. He was a teacher to many as well as a sales professional. More than that he was also an inspiration to his friends. Prayers for his family and friends. He will be missed.

Mary Frame - January 08, 2022 at 03:10 AM

LR

“ The pain is gone, you're seeing Jesus face to face! I'll never forget working with you, what a joy you were.
Ed and I thought soooo much of you. Go high on the mountain, son you're work on earth is done. Prayers and love sent to your family, they will be in our hearts and you will never be forgotten.
Love,
Ed and Linda Radney 🙏🙏❤️

Linda Radney - January 07, 2022 at 06:43 PM

MB

“ Fly high my friend, no more pain! Rejoice knowing that your work here on earth is done. You were an inspiration and will always be one of my hero's! My greatest sympathy to all of the family! Mike Blizzard c/o '79!

Mike Blizzard - January 07, 2022 at 02:53 PM

WM

our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this difficult time

waylogene Meyer - January 08, 2022 at 11:12 AM

BB

Mary, Sorry to hear about Rhett passing, Always enjoyed sitting and talk to him when i paid my bill. He was a good guy and will be missed greatly. My prayers for you and the family.

Billy Bass - January 11, 2022 at 02:04 PM

RJ

So saddened for the loss of my Sigma Chi Fraternity Brother, Rhett. Mary, my heart breaks for you and the family. May God's grace and love be real to you. I hate we never made that "lunch" we talked about.
randy jackson dublin, ga

randy jackson - January 16, 2022 at 05:01 PM



My dear cousin, I loved you so.....I know you are at peace now. Love you for all eternity.

Bonnie Ford - April 11, 2022 at 10:57 AM

DB

I was honor to have Rhett has a friend. He was always an inspiration to me. No more pain. Rejoice in the Lord! May God wrap his arms around you Mary and fill the empty void from Rhett with his love.
Dennis & Wendy Bacchus

Dennis Bacchus - July 07, 2022 at 11:04 AM