



Thomas Aldridge "Bubba" Tatum

January 29, 1984 - May 9, 2022

Thomas "Bubba" Tatum, age 38, of McCalla, Alabama, passed away on Monday, May 9, 2022. Bubba was of the Baptist Faith. He was a owner of Arsenal Defense LLC. Also , was a constable for the Jefferson County Sheriff Department. Thomas was a Master Mason at the Unity Lodge 930 and Flint Hill Lodge 810. He was a loving husband, a wonderful father and proud friend to all who loved and knew him. He is preceded in death by his brother, Oscar Hilt Tatum III. He is survived by his wife of 10 years Nicole Anne, children; Emma Corinne, Norah Elizabeth, Mallory Anne Tatum, parents; Oscar Hilt Tatum Jr., and mother; Donna Chris Tatum, brother; Jim (Dottie) Tatum, sisters; Corinne Hurst, Caroline (Michael) Pugh, sister in law; Scarlett Tatum, several nieces, nephews and extended loving family and friends. Chapel service will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home, with visitation from 1:00 until service time. Bro. Harlan Turman will be officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall



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Laurice Tatum - April 20, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *Hi i am his daughter emma tatum he was a great dad i will miss him*

Emma tatum - December 31, 2022 at 02:29 AM



He love you and your sisters with all his heart!!! ❤️

Katy Maddox - April 26, 2023 at 04:48 PM



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Laurice Tatum - April 20, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BR

“ Still at a loss for words. I met bubba in college 15 years ago, him and Nicole became instant lifelong friends. We were inseparable. We moved on from college. Went different ways but managed to stay close and visit when we could. In 2018 it came time for me to leave Texas after being unhappy in a physically abusive marriage and being cheated on. I came to Alabama to start fresh. Bubba and Nicole took me in when I was left with nothing. They introduced me to so many good, real, genuine people, got me a job and watched me grow. We loaded up every weekend and went on trips to gun shows and traveled all over Alabama, laughing the whole way there and back. He got me to eat at Steve's and home plate despite my hesitation. The best memories I have were of my time in Alabama. Nicole would tell me to “swipe left” or “swipe right”, then bubba would do recon on them and let me know if they were worthy lol. We would cook often and I'd run downstairs in their house when they would text me and we would laugh until we cried over my impressions and memes and everything else including “Mr. Ed”. He always ensured me I came out on top and indeed I did by the looks of it, and that's because of him and Nicole. I have a beautiful baby girl now and one on the way. In a round about way, it was because of my time spent in Alabama that I was able to find true happiness and love and bubba and Nicole watched it happen, but I am heartbroken he will never meet my babies. I remember being there the day Emma was born and the day Norah was born, those were truly amazing memories of mine and to watch my best friends become parents. Him and Nicole were always there for me, and that's the bubba I knew and that's how I will remember him. That's a true friend and I will be forever grateful. <3

Brianna - May 19, 2022 at 10:26 AM

SB

“ Donna & Nicole
Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always. Bubba was a bright light in this Ugly World ee are living in these days. Bubba May You Rest in Peace. Much love sent for the entire family.



Sue Ann Skelton Brooks - May 17, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas Aldridge "Bubba" Tatum.



May 17, 2022 at 09:57 AM

RS

“ Bubba, I miss you terribly. In high school you used to always say, "Who cares what they think." Especially when we'd sneak out to Owens snack shack at lunch. I took that to heart through the years and it served me well. We didn't talk as much recently but you were always at the other end of the phone when I needed you to answer some obscure question (even if you used the SWAG method) or Google something for me while I was driving to my next awful posting. I feel like I just saw you, but then it feels like it was ages ago. I love you brother and I hope that you know and understand that. Rest well and be at peace.

Ryan Warmack Sr - May 16, 2022 at 09:22 PM

HS

“ Bubba, I will forever remember the many conversations we had about history and treasure hunting. I will always remember spending time with you and Nicole in college and grabbing food at Taco Bell or...you know, chicken sandwiches...you have and will always be family to me. I am sorry we were not able to join you guys on your many trips to Gatlinburg even though you always asked if we could make it. We were planning on doing that -- one day with you all... I am sorry we won't see you when you were planning your next Florida family vacation. We wanted to see you all when you came. I have cried many times thinking of you recently, and I am so so very sorry you are gone. Thank you for all the laughs, comfort, help, and happiness you have brought to me and my family over the years, I am forever grateful for the time we spent. I hope you are treasure hunting and finding amazing things right now with the greatest metal detector imaginable. You will be missed entirely by my family and me, you will forever be loved by us. Until we meet again, my friend.



Holly Smith - May 16, 2022 at 11:23 AM

MC

“ Matthew Chong purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Aldridge "Bubba" Tatum.



Matthew Chong - May 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM

RB

“ Your kindness and strength in my families time of need will never be forgotten. We will be here for your family always. We already miss you dear friend. Rosemarie and John Bakshis.

Rosemarie Bakshis - May 15, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Aldridge "Bubba" Tatum.*



May 15, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Visits to Jefferson, trips to the mountains, and everywhere in between will always stay with me, but most of all I loved being your aunt Vanessa.
I love you and miss you terribly.*



Vanessa Craft - May 14, 2022 at 11:30 PM