



Thomas Gilbert 'Big Tommy' Colston

July 2, 1949 - October 13, 2014

A beloved husband, grandfather and friend. Thomas G. Colston known to family and friends, who loved him as 'Big Tommy' died peacefully at Veterans Hospital in Nashville surrounded by his family. Tommy was a lifelong resident of Lincoln County, TN and veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a retired over-the-road truck driver which took him all over the country. Tommy was 65 years old and was married to Jean for 44 loved filled years. He loved football, both playing and watching, and was die-hard Tennessee football fan. Tommy is preceded in death by his parents, Buford and Lena Colston and infant grandson, DeShay Colston. He is survived by his wife; Jean Miller Colston; sons, Tommy 'Little Tommy' Colston, Terry (Tabitha) Colston: three grandsons, Taran and Trevor Colston and Jonathan (Jay) Meadows - Colston, all of Ardmore. Tommy is also survived by two sisters, Patricia Becker and Catherine Williams, Both of Jasper, one loving aunt, Gladys Colston Shannon of Ardmore, TN, and a number of neices and nephews. Tommy will also be terribly missed by his friend and football watching buddy, Mike Becker and a host of sisters- and brothers- in- laws. A Graveside Service will be Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 1:00 P.M. at Gatlin Cemetery, with Bro. Buddy Payne officiating. Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home will be in charge of handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ *My First Christmas in Heaven*

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting the snow.
The sight is so spectacular- please wipe away the tear
For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up
here*

*I have no words to tell you the joys their voices bring
For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me dear ones you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I sent you each a special gift for my heavenly home above,
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.*

*After all love is a gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.*

Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do.

For I can't count the blessing of love he has for each of you.

So have a merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Janice Finley - December 17, 2014 at 01:16 PM

JC

“ Dear Colston Family: It breaks our hearts when death separates us from our loved ones no matter how young or old they happen to be. We are reminded in the Bible that there is One who sees our distress and pain and has promised that soon death will be done away with...swallowed up forever.(Isaiah 25:8) He will heal our broken hearts by resurrecting our precious loved ones to life again. (John 5:28,29) I hope in the days ahead as you reflect on the life of Thomas, and the wonderful memories left behind, that you will also find much comfort in God's promises for the near future. I am so sorry for your loss.

JC - October 18, 2014 at 12:53 PM

LD

“ Jean,
I'm so sorry to hear about Big Tommy. My thought and prayer are with you and theh family.
Love ya,
Lindy

Lindy Davis - October 16, 2014 at 01:39 PM

DS

“ Good by Old Friend; Buddy & Pal! Had not seen Tommy in a while. Tommy was a very good friend in yrs gone by. He was a good guy; always had a smile on his face. Donnie Sanders

Donnie Sanders - October 16, 2014 at 08:37 AM

BL

“ *Colston Family:*
So sorry for your loss. I was in our Blanche High School graduating class (1968) with Tommy. The one thing that stands out about Tommy was him being our football hero and his sweet smile. I know he will be greatly missed. God Bless!!

Betty Roden Cowan Lawrence - October 16, 2014 at 08:03 AM

CM

“ *Jean, I have often thought of you and Tommy over the years. We were only together for a very short time, when you guys stayed with us in that tacky little apt in Norfolk, but we had a lot of fun. I am so sorry, I will continue to have you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Carlene Mangrum - October 15, 2014 at 08:28 PM

RK

“ *Jean and family I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. I wish I was closer to be of some comfort to you. Sending my prayers and love to you and your family,,,*

Rindie Kwiatkowski - October 15, 2014 at 07:52 PM

MH

“ *I have known and loved this big guy most of my life. I have so many good memories.....he was a wonderful brother-in law and I will miss him terribly. I wish peace and comfort for Jean and the boys in the days ahead.*

Mary Hughes - October 15, 2014 at 06:43 PM

SH

“ *Good bye old friend.*

Steve Holland - October 15, 2014 at 02:49 PM

JF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Tommy for many decades. We graduated school together. Last I saw him was at James Finleys' burial in June. Prayers for you..

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME" When tomorrow starts without me And I'm not here to see If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me I wish you wouldn't cry The Way you did today While thinking of the many things We did not get to say I know how much you love me As much as I love you Each time that you think of me I know you will miss me too When tomorrow starts with out me Please try to understand That an angel came and called my name And took me by the hand The angel said my place was ready In heaven far above And That I would have to leave behind All those I Dearly Love But When I walked through Heaven's Gates I felt so much at home When GOD looked down and smiled at me From his golden throne He said This Is Eternity And All I promised you Today for life on earth is done But Here it starts a new I promise no tomorrow For today will always last And Since each day's the exact same way There is no longing for the past So When Tomorrow starts without me Do not think we're apart For every time you think of me Remember I'm right here in your heart

Janice Tomerlin Finley - October 15, 2014 at 02:05 PM

MM

“ Tommy was my brother in law for a lot of years and we all loved him. We had many discussions over Alabama and Tennessee football games. He will be greatly missed. Love you big guy.

Mike and Theresa Mullins - October 15, 2014 at 01:46 PM