



## Thomas Cole Raby

August 28, 2011 - April 14, 2013

Thomas Cole Raby, 19 Mo., of Ardmore, Alabama died on Sunday, April 14, 2013. Born Sunday, August 28, 2011 in Huntsville, Alabama, he was the son of Benjamin Raby and Haley Helums Raby. Survivors include his parents: Benjamin T & Haley H Raby of Ardmore, AL, grandparents: Tommy & Paula Raby of Toney, AL and Tony & Khristy Helums of Elkmont, AL, great-grandparent: Patsy Raby of Toney, AL, great-great grandparent: Edna Sharp of Hazel Green, AL, Aunts & Uncles: Ashley & Jerry Newby of Athens, AL, and Kayla Raby & Eric Harbin of Toney, AL and cousins: Madalyn & Jerry Allen Newby, III of Athens, AL. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with Bro. Lynn Marshall and Bro. Tim Keenum officiating. Burial will be in Hatchett Cemetery, Athens, AL. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. In lieu of Flowers please make donations to the Children Fund at Concord Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Tony, Khristy, & family...thinking of you often and saying an extra prayer with hope that things will get easier...”

Sherry & Krista Thornton - April 20, 2013 at 11:13 AM

MH

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Losing a precious child is the worst loss ever. May God provide comfort in this trying time. A heartfelt condolence from Gitta Harris, Wooley Springs Road

margitta harris - April 19, 2013 at 12:47 PM

JB

“ As parents and as grandparents, we cannot imagine the pain that you are feeling. May God continue to wrap you in his loving arms and comfort you until you see your little Thomas again in heaven. We will continue to remember you in our prayers. God Bless You All!

Jim and Linda Bailey - April 18, 2013 at 06:27 PM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during the loss of your little Thomas. May God comfort you during this time.

J.O. & Shirley Wallace - April 18, 2013 at 06:21 PM

CG

“ Ben, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Stay strong and may God bless you.

Coach Gibson

Coach Barry Gibson - April 18, 2013 at 01:03 PM

AH

“ *My heart is broken for this entire family. May God place a shield of peace and comfort around this family on such a difficult day. Prayers are sent up for everyone affected by the passing of this sweet baby!*

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**Amber Harwell Hudson** - April 18, 2013 at 11:50 AM

“ So when tomorrow starts without me,

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*To my dearest family,*  
> *some things I'd like to say.*  
> *But first of all, to let you know,*  
> *that I arrived okay.*  
>  
> *I'm writing this from the Bridge.*  
> *Here I dwell with God above.*  
> *Here there's no more tears of sadness.*  
> *Here is just eternal love.*  
>  
> *Please do not be unhappy*  
> *just because I'm out of sight.*  
> *Remember that I am with you*  
> *every morning, noon and night.*  
>  
> *That day I had to leave you*  
> *when my life on earth was through,*  
> *God picked me up and hugged me*  
> *and He said, "I welcome you.*  
>  
> *It's good to have you back again,*  
> *you were missed while you were gone.*  
> *As for your dearest family,*  
> *They'll be here later on."*  
>  
> *God gave me a list of things,*

> *that he wished for me to do.*  
> *And foremost on the list,*  
> *was to watch and care for you.*  
>  
> *And when you lie in bed at night*  
> *the day's chores put to flight,*  
> *God and I are closest to you...*  
> *in the middle of the night.*  
>  
> *When you think of my life on earth,*  
> *and all those loving years,*  
> *because you are only human,*  
> *they are bound to bring you tears.*  
>  
> *But do not be afraid to cry*  
> *it does relieve the pain.*  
> *Remember there would be no flowers,*  
> *unless there was some rain.*  
>  
> *I wish that I could tell you*  
> *all that God has planned.*  
> *If I were to tell you,*  
> *you wouldn't understand.*  
>  
> *But one thing is for certain,*  
> *though my life on earth is o'er.*  
> *I'm closer to you now,*  
> *than I ever was before.*  
>  
> *There are rocky roads ahead of you*  
> *and many hills to climb;*  
> *But together we can do it*  
> *by taking one day at a time.*  
>  
> *It was always my philosophy*  
> *and I'd like it for you too;*  
> *That as you give unto the world,*

> *the world will give to you.*  
>  
> *If you can help somebody*  
> *who's in sorrow and pain;*  
> *Then you can say to God at night...*  
> *"My day was not in vain."*  
>  
> *And now I am contented...*  
> *that my life was worthwhile.*  
> *Knowing as I passed along*  
> *I made somebody smile.*  
>  
> *God says: "If you meet somebody*  
> *who is sad and feeling low;*  
> *Just lend a hand to pick him up,*  
> *as on your way you go.*  
>  
> *When you're walking down the street*  
> *with me on your mind;*  
> *I'm walking in your footsteps*  
> *only half a step behind."*  
>  
> *"And when it's time for you to go...*  
> *from that body to be free.*  
> *Remember you're not going...*  
> *you're coming here to me."*

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**Janice T. Finley** - April 18, 2013 at 11:05 AM

JF

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. In these terrible times on Earth; you can have the blessing and peace that he is with Jesus in Heaven forever. Eathe's loss is Heavens' gain.

*When tomorrow starts without me,*

*And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too;*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready,  
In heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.  
But as I turned to walk away,  
A tear fell from my eye  
For all my life, I'd always thought,  
I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for,  
So much left yet to do,  
It almost seemed impossible  
That I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays,*

*The good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared,  
And all the fun we had.  
If I could relive yesterday,  
Just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you  
And maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized,  
That this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories,  
Would take the place of me.  
And when I thought of worldly things,  
I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did,  
My heart was filled with sorrow.  
But when I walked through Heavens Gates,  
I felt so much at home.  
When God looked down and smiled at me,  
From His great golden throne,*

*He said, "This is eternity,  
And all I've promised you.  
Today your life on earth is past,  
But here life starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last,  
And since each day's the same way  
There's no longing for the past.  
You have been so faithful,  
So trusting and so true.  
Though there were times you did some things  
You knew you shouldn't do.*

*But you have been forgiven  
And now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand*

*And share my life with me?"*

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**Jancie Tomerlin Finley** - April 18, 2013 at 11:01 AM

MG

“ *My deepest, deepest sympathy, praying for your strength and courage to endure the days ahead. I'm so sorry.*

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**Marilyn Garner** - April 18, 2013 at 09:18 AM

EB

“ *Ben and Haley you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and your family.*

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**Ezra & Bethany Barnett** - April 17, 2013 at 09:04 PM

DF

“ *We cannot begin to understand what your family is going through but God can and he will be with you and see you through it. Heaven has a new little angel! Ya will be in our thoughts and prayers each day. We love ya!!*

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**Dwight & Regina Gates & Family** - April 17, 2013 at 07:37 PM

MW

“ *My heart is broken. I am so sorry. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Mary B Whitt*

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**Mary B Whitt** - April 17, 2013 at 05:32 PM

NP

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Granny Helums was so very proud of little Thomas. Just know that Granny and Tina are watching over him now.

Nancy Parsons - April 17, 2013 at 05:16 PM

MN

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Thomas. He was a beautiful little boy. May God give you strength and bless you always.

Max, Brenda, Maxie Quandt Pat, Jessica and Rachel Neese - April 17, 2013 at 04:19 PM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Calvin and Anita Faulkner - April 17, 2013 at 01:34 PM

GM

“ Words are not adequate to express the sorrow I feel for you and your families. Please know that you are in my prayers during this time of great loss. May God give you the strength you need to carry on with your memories of precious little Thomas.

Gayle Magnusson - April 17, 2013 at 10:54 AM

PC

“ I want to express my deepest sympathies... I pray that you and your family find peace.

Penny Campbell - April 16, 2013 at 08:39 PM

DS

“ so very sorry for your loss! we pray that GOD will give you comfort in your darkest hours, and that you can find peace knowing that heaven has a new angel.

Denise & Rickey Smith - April 16, 2013 at 07:58 PM

DW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts are broken for the Raby Family. We pray the God will reach down and wrap his loving arms around each one of you and give you comfort, peace, and strength during this difficult time. Praying for you.

Doug & Jessie Wales - April 16, 2013 at 01:19 PM

NM

“ There are no words we can say to ease your pain. May God's grace comfort and heal your broken hearts as only He can. Our prayers are with your family.

Nick and Lacey McMunn - April 16, 2013 at 12:19 PM

PP

“ My family and I are praying for you. May God give you strength and comfort you. I am so sorry.

Patty Parcus - April 16, 2013 at 12:06 PM

JF

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?"

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**Janice Tomerlin- Finley** - April 15, 2013 at 11:01 PM

CW

“ I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSE. I AM PRAYING FOR YALL.

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**CATHY WALKER** - April 15, 2013 at 09:32 PM

TL

“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss! God Bless You All!*

Tammy Lewis - April 15, 2013 at 04:14 PM

LL

“ *so sorry for your loss. my prayers and thoughts are with you*

linda lewter - April 15, 2013 at 03:16 PM

BC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We have been praying for your family and will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

betty gene currin - April 15, 2013 at 03:10 PM

JS

“ *I don't have any words to use right now to express how sorry I am for your loss of Thomas. My heart breaks for you and Ben as well as the rest of the family.. I am praying that God will bring you and your family comfort and carry you through the days ahead. My prayers are with you all!*

Jennie Smith - April 15, 2013 at 03:07 PM

JR

“ *Our deepest sympathy. We will be praying for all of you. May God be with all of you and give you Strength and Comfort.*

Johnny and Pam Reyer - April 15, 2013 at 03:00 PM

RA

“ *I remember Paula showing off her beautiful grand baby. My prayers are with you all during this time that God would minister to you.*

Ralph Arnold - April 15, 2013 at 02:43 PM

LC

“ Praying for all of you during this very difficult time!!

Leslie and Bill Currin - April 15, 2013 at 01:08 PM

LE

“ Tommy and Paula and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your grandson. My heart aches for your pain of loss. May God give you, his parents and all the family comfort and Peace knowing he is in Jesus' loving arms.

Loretta Ekis - April 15, 2013 at 12:33 PM

LS

“ Your family is in my prayers.

Lesslie Shawn - April 15, 2013 at 11:53 AM

BH

“ may god comfort your heart threw the loss of little THOMAS RABY, WE LOVE YOU THOMAS, R.I.P.

brenda hamm - April 15, 2013 at 11:49 AM

BB

“ Our hearts are broken for your loss. We are praying for comfort for you all.

Bo and Donna Powers Bryant - April 15, 2013 at 11:43 AM

ER

“ we the rich family, are so sorry for your loss. our prayers our with all the raby family.

EARL RICH - April 15, 2013 at 11:19 AM

WA

“ *There is nothing we can say to ease your pain, but we are praying that the God of all comfort will be very close to you and lift you up. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Wilburn and Janet Ables** - April 15, 2013 at 11:19 AM