



Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax

November 6, 1946 - October 24, 2022

Tom Brodnax, age 75, of Atlanta passed away on October 24, 2022. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 28, 2022 in the chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Rd Loganville, Ga 30052. Minister Don Hardison and Rev. Rusty Ruark will officiate. Interment will follow at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the funeral home.

Tom was born on Nov 6, 1946 in Atlanta, GA. He grew up in the small rural community of Walnut Grove, GA where he was a member of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church. He was an active member of the MYF and enjoyed many summer weeks at Camp Glisson. Tom was a member of Loganville High School class of 1964. During high school Tom was an enthusiastic member of 4-H club. He was a Master 4-Her and a counselor at Rock Eagle for many summers.

Tom attended Oxford College for a year and then graduated from Emory University. As a college sophomore, he spent a year at George Washington University in Washington D.C. while working under Former Georgia Senator Richard B. Russell. After graduating, he served as the operations officer in the U.S. Navy on the Destroyer Squadron 20.

Tom found a career in marketing and data analytics at IBM, where he learned to write lines of code. After retiring in the mid-1990s from marketing with IBM, Tom became a full-time volunteer at Emory. He served on the Emory Board of Governors from 1996 to 2000 as well as on the Miller-Ward Alumni House committee to oversee operations and alumni interaction.

Tom photographed Emory's major alumni/student weekends for more than a decade, adding important documentation to the archive of Emory Alumni Association events. His photos regularly appeared in Emory Magazine. He was the recipient in 2002 of the J. Pollard Turman Alumni Service Award, the highest award given to an alumnus for volunteer service to Emory. In 2012, he also was awarded the William L. Norton Outstanding Alumnus Award given by the Oxford College Alumni Board. In 2013, he received the CASE District III Bill Franklin Volunteer of the Year and in 2017 he received the Sigma Chi International Seven Lights Award.

A family-oriented man, Tom was a remarkable cook who enjoyed entertaining, most especially during the holiday season. Known for his quick wit and sense of humor, Tom always had an amusing story to make everyone laugh. He was always ready to capture the moment's joy with his camera, taking photos at every opportunity.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Clarke Brodnax, Sr and Leone Brodnax Stevens. He is survived by his sister Ellen (Laymon) Brannon, nephew Clarke Brannon, niece Heather (Zack) McGuire, great nephews Liam and Ryan McGuire, cousin Marilyn Clayton, and numerous other family and friends.

Flowers will be accepted or in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Emory University or Oxford College of Emory University in memory of Tom Brodnax.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road,
Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at
www.stewartfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove united Methodist Church Cemetery

915 Church Way
Walnut Grove, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA 30052

Funeral Service

OCT 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Rd.
Loganville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - October 25, 2022 at 03:12 PM

CT

*Beautiful!
Thank you for sharing such a wonderful tribute.
Cheryl & Mary Louise*

Cheryl Taylor - October 25, 2022 at 10:28 PM

GC

What a beautiful tribute . I count myself very lucky and blessed to have called him friend. Our loss is heaven's gain. Bloom in glory Tom.

Glenda Clark - October 26, 2022 at 08:55 AM

JC

Such a lovely tribute. I do not know how I missed it. Tom had a way of making everyone feel like his best friend ..Fond memories from 4-H and Oxford . I .looked forward to seeing him at reunions.A great friend and photogtapher.

Joan Bostwick Carpenter - December 31, 2022 at 02:51 PM

MK

“ Hello Tim Stewart Funeral Home.

I knew Tom from college in Sigma Chi. but was unaware until today that he passed.

I wanted to reach Tom's sister's family, Mrs Ellen L Brannon and Tom's brother in law, Mr Laymon Brannon of Loganville, GA.

I wanted to tell them Tom was an exceptional person and leader and an upbeat guy. He was admired by his fraternity brothers and served as our President.

I last saw him in Emory University reunion in 2005 before I deployed in the Army.

I appreciated Tom.

If at all possible, please pass this on to Tom's sister, Ellen and family. I cannot be sure of Mrs Ellen Brannon's mailing address.

Thank you,

*Michael E Kelly MD
Vancouver, WA
michaelekelly1@gmail.com
828 508-2800*

Michael E Kelly - December 09, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SB

“ Tom was my neighbor for 17 years. On our condo board for many years. A great conversationalist and a great neighbor.

Steven Braden - November 04, 2022 at 10:54 AM

KW

“ Am so saddened to hear about Tom’s passing. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to know Tom these past 40 years. My and prayers go out to you and your family.



Ken Wolf - October 31, 2022 at 04:32 PM

BH

“ Ellen, I am so sorry I was not able to attend the service for Tom. Tom was one of my most favorite people in the world. He was so smart and always nice to me. He will truly be missed. I know you have wonderful memories. I will pray for you and your family. Such a loss.

Brenda Smith HUNTSBERRY - October 28, 2022 at 12:04 PM

JW

“ I am so sad to hear of Tom's death. I spent many hours with him at our Bobby Jones events, where he took photos and kept me entertained! He always had a great story and could make me laugh. He will be missed.

Jane Williams - October 27, 2022 at 10:59 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.



October 27, 2022 at 08:28 PM

DP

“ *David Pacini (Emory Emeritus Professor) purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



David Pacini (Emory Emeritus Professor) - October 27, 2022
at 06:10 PM

DP

“ *Tom and I came to know each other through Emory University Alumni Association events and the weekly Saturday morning events at the Morningside Farmers Market. He was always equipped with a massive and beautiful camera, capturing aspects of life others would readily pass over. He playfully shot what I consider the best photograph of me in my life, and it has graced virtually every publication in which I have since been featured: he caught the essence of me in laughter as no other person could. Doubtless, that was due to our great crossing of paths over two decades that attuned his eye to what others routinely missed and drew us to value each other.*

I shall miss him greatly.

*David S. Pacini
Emeritus Professor of Historical and Philosophical Theology
Emory University*

David S Pacini - October 27, 2022 at 05:38 PM

DC

“ Dr. Richard Bagby and Sigma Chi purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.



Dr. Richard Bagby and Sigma Chi - October 27, 2022 at 11:37 AM

OC

“ Office of the Dean & AAE Oxford College purchased the *Heavenly Grace Spray* for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.



Office of the Dean & AAE Oxford College - October 27, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.



October 27, 2022 at 09:59 AM

JW

“ For many, including Debbie and me, Tom was an embodiment of the spirit of Emory. His camera and his wit, along with a story or two, accompanied him and added to so many Emory occasions, large and small. Himself now a part of Emory’s recent history, he was also a curator of Emory’s story. Thank you, friend, for being one of God’s rich blessings to so many of us! With love from Debbie and Jim Wagner

Jim Wagner - October 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ We are so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He loved his family and friends and shared such wonderful stories of moments spent together. He was a funny and charming man who brought joy to so many people through his photography. His wonderful legacy at Oxford and at Emory will live on for generations to come. Our thoughts are with you all. Tom will long be remembered.

Michelle Valigursky - October 26, 2022 at 10:57 PM

RB

“ At a time when words are hard to find, just want the family to know you are in our Thoughts & Prayers. Tom was a very special friend that will dearly be missed. Whenever we seen each other precious childhood memories were remembered. RIP Dear Friend 📖🥹🙏
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Rita D. Baker - October 26, 2022 at 08:40 PM

PE

“ My dear friend Tom, I will never forget your kindness, spirit or your cheese straws! Imagine my excitement when I saw you last, Christmas 2021. You had given me the recipe (including anecdotes and family stories) several years before. I told you I tried to make them but they just didn't look the same. You gifted me with six (6)! Dozen of those pieces of art! They were thoroughly enjoyed over the Holidays. Sigma Chi events will never be the same without you. You will be missed, my friend, but never forgotten. I will see you again. Love, Phyllis Marshburn Elliott.

Phyllis Marshburn Elliott - October 26, 2022 at 07:45 PM

GH

“ Tom was my very favorite male cousin! I love the pictures! The obituary is spot on. He was so kind & thoughtful. He was truly a quintessential southern gentleman. I will miss him. My love always. Ginger Dunston Hill

Ginger Dunston Hill - October 26, 2022 at 06:57 PM

RD

“ My previous post about being Tom's neighbor displayed our name incorrectly. With deep sorrow. Ricky Johnson and Laura DeHaven

Ricky DeHaven - October 26, 2022 at 04:41 PM

TW

“ Todd and Teresa Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.



Todd and Teresa Wilson - October 26, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



October 26, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Lisa Ross purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



Lisa Ross - October 26, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Tom was a consistent, cheerful presence at every Emory event I ever attended for Emory communications. His energy and spirit were enviable and he took such joy in his service to the Emory. His delight was palpable when he caught a one-in-a-million shot that was used in Emory publications and news outlets. Friendly, kind, patient and witty, he will always hold a fond place in the memories of so many people. What ever will they do without you, Tom? Godspeed, friend.*

Maria Lameiras - October 26, 2022 at 09:13 AM



Tom was the best!! We met through 4-H, if you ever met him you were his friend for life. He gave 100 per cent plus to everything he did. What a blessing to call him your friend. My love and prayers go out to his family and friends. Tom will be missed by all who knew him.

Elizabeth Hancock - October 26, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



October 26, 2022 at 08:39 AM



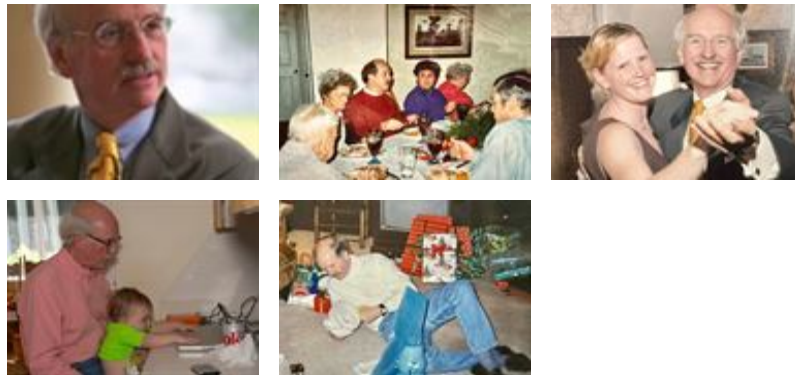
“ *Cheryl & Mary Louise purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



Cheryl & Mary Louise - October 25, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - October 25, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



October 25, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



October 25, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was such an integral part of the Emory community. We had many conversations over the years and I always enjoyed both his insight and his sense of humor. He was always so thoughtful when taking photographs to send me personal emails with photos he thought I'd want to have. As my family grew to include two daughters he was always so engaging with them, their faces lit up when they saw him at an event and so did Tom's. Some of my favorite photos of my girls are ones he took. He'll be greatly missed and my thoughts are with Tom's family at this time.*

Ben Perlman - October 25, 2022 at 02:19 PM

JE

“ Tom was a great guy. He was a good friend, as well as a wonderful family member. Many good times were shared, and I'll miss him. ❤️
❤️ Judy Forrester Dunston Epps

Judy Forrester Dunston Epps - October 25, 2022 at 02:18 PM

CT

“ I just LOVED Tom. The time we spent together is MOST memorable! He MADE it that way! He was just an outgoing fellow. He always made me feel special.
Once we were both in a city, far away from both of our homes, and we ran into each other at the grocery store! How ironic. So many special memories. I will never forget Tom!
Ellen, Laymon and the rest of his loved ones...you are in my prayers.

Cheryl Taylor - October 25, 2022 at 01:53 PM

DS

“ Ellen,

Linda and I are so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. Please let us know if we can do anything. Prayers for your brother and you and Laymon are being lifted up.

David and Linda Smith

David Smith - October 25, 2022 at 01:47 PM

TB

“ *The Browns, Davisons, Bukows & Bill purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



The Browns, Davisons, Bukows & Bill - October 25, 2022 at 12:51 PM

JW

“ *I am so sorry to find out about Tom's death. His friendship, good will, kindness, and love of living were always exactly right for whatever the situation called for - his joy and spirit will be truly missed. I consider myself fortunate to have been able to share moments with him.*

Jim Weems, Avondale Estates, Georgia

Jim Weems - October 25, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas C. "Tom" Brodnax.*



October 25, 2022 at 12:06 PM

MB

“ *So sorry for your family's loss! Tom was such a happy person! He always made you laugh with his dry humor! R.I.P. Tom!*

Mary Alice Baker - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM