



William Thomas "Tommy" Bell

November 22, 1971 - January 7, 2021

William Thomas "Tommy" Bell, 49, of Griffin, went to be with Jesus Thursday January 7, 2021 in Mayo, FL after a lengthy illness.

Born in Griffin, November 22, 1971, he was a son of William Kenneth Bell and Judy Darlene Bennett. When Tommy was born with special needs the doctors didn't give his parents much hope. Up until the last few years he lived a full, happy life. He was of the Pentecostal faith and loved gospel and country music. Tommy was in the Boy Scouts and was honored by being named "Special Olympian of Georgia". He was presented with a trip to Pigeon Forge and Dollywood where he was presented with a key to the city. He was very proud to be known as "Mr. Bass Man" for singing with the showband "Clutch" from Panama City Beach. They would help raise money for Stepping Stones Education Center here in Griffin. Tommy loved to skate, bowl and watch movies. On a cruise to Mexico with his mom, he walked up and introduced himself, "Hi, my name is Tommy Bell" and before he got off the ship, he had many, many friends. He had a heart of gold and was loved by everyone.

Tommy was preceded in death by grandparents, Joe and Ella Mae Bennett, Gene and Margaret Burford and his uncle, Joel Bennett.

Survivors include his parents, Judy Bennett and Kenneth and Cheryl Bell; brothers, Ken Bell and wife Sandy, Bill Bell and wife Jessica and Robert Bell; sisters, Christina Bell, Tiffany Tyre and Rachel Colwell; aunts and uncles, Teresa Bennett, Mike Bell and wife Gina, Sherwin Burford and wife Beverly and Deborah Gaddy and husband Bobby; and many nieces and nephews that

loved their “Uncle Tommy”.

The family would especially like to thank their extended family members Rex Beavers for being a mentor and best friend. Always there, he took Tommy to Braves games, fishing, church and was there holding his hand until the end. Also, Bonnie Brown for being his educator and friend.

A Celebration of Tommy’s life will be conducted Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM from the Chapel of Haisten McCullough Funeral Home with Reverend Ken Bell, Tommy’s brother, officiating.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service hour at the funeral home.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the family respectfully requests those attending to wear a mask and practice social distancing when possible.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Thomas "Tommy" Bell*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *William, if you see my beloved Bobby in heaven, please let him know I miss him and hopefully we will all be together soon. You were an angel on this earth while you were here. And I am sure you are at the feet of the Lord now singing the hymns of the Lord. ❤️*

Alberta Cole - October 17, 2022 at 02:05 AM



“ *I pray God will comfort the family during this time of grief. God bless.*

Gary McGaha - January 23, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Tommy was always so nice to us! His love of Braves, hats and country music is what I will always remember! (Oh, and those awesome popcorn tins he would give us at Christmas) Prayers to you all!*

Shelley Gawel - January 22, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 04:24 PM

JH

“ *I just learned of Tommy’s passing. I’m sorry for the family’s loss. My memories of Tommy are mostly about church when we were boys and he, and his family would visit us at Smyrna, or my family would make the trip to Deliverance Center. He always had a warm smile and was a fine young man. He will be missed by all who knew him, but we have that assurance that he is in the arms of our Lord and savior King Jesus. God bless you and keep you all in this time of mourning*

Reverend Johnathan “Johnny” Hopper

Johnathan Hopper - January 21, 2021 at 08:03 PM

TS

“ Ken,

I am truly sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I remember him fondly from our day camp days at Griffin Christian. He was always a very sweet boy and you were the best big brother. My most sincere condolences to you and your family.

Tracy (Yawn) Smith

Tracy Smith - January 21, 2021 at 04:01 PM

ED

“ *The joy and happiness that Tommy brought into our lives will not be forgotten. He can only be physically gone but never the life lived and the memories shared. Have faith, be strong and know that you're not alone.*

Erica Robertson Dye

Erica Dye - January 20, 2021 at 08:20 AM

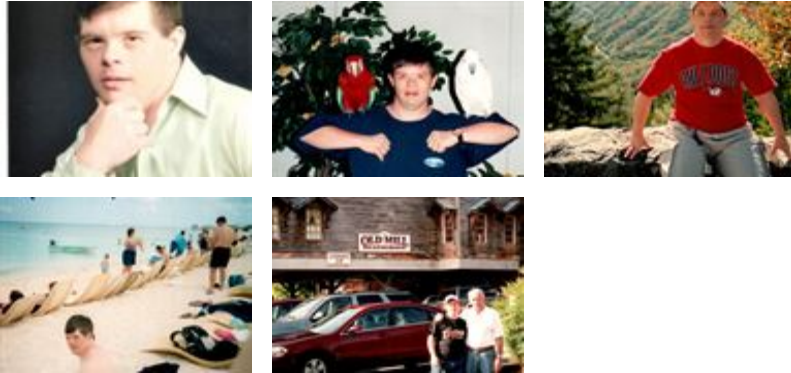
SB

“ *What a sweet, sweet soul. He is in heaven singing with Buttercup and Johnny Bravo from clutch. My goodness what fun we did have with Clutch. When they would first arrive The bands first question was always "Is Tommy going to be here tonight?" Know that Bonnie and I mourn with you and we will always carry wonderful memories. What a precious gift God gave us with Tommy.*

Steve and Bonnie Brown - January 19, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - January 18, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ My most fond memory of Tommy, was on Sundays between church services. I'd go home with him after church and spend time with him. Tommy shares a special place in my heart and will always continue to do so. I will miss you Tommy. You will forever be in my heart.

Ronnie Stanford

RONNIE STANFORD - January 15, 2021 at 02:10 PM



My brother David & I knew each other from School Days David has been wanting to see Tommy David is always treasure their special friendship

Patty & David Henson - January 16, 2021 at 01:22 PM



Prayers for the family.

Ruby Shavers - January 19, 2021 at 12:01 AM

RS

“ *RONNIE STANFORD lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "Tommy" Bell*



RONNIE STANFORD - January 15, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Earp Cone lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "Tommy" Bell*



Deborah Earp Cone - January 15, 2021 at 12:18 PM

DC

Judy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family! I remember Tommy when he was little, he was always so sweet. We also had so much fun at the Cluth concerts. Tommy will always be remembered. Love you very much. You were an Awesome mother to Tommy❤❤❤❤❤

Deborah Earp Cone - January 15, 2021 at 12:22 PM

DC

“ *Debbie. Coker lit a candle in memory of William Thomas "Tommy" Bell*



Debbie. Coker - January 14, 2021 at 11:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Tommy" Bell.*



January 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Oh Judi, Tommy such a sweet soul, remember how he made so many smile when he performed with Clutch, we saw them many times and always enjoyed seeing Tommy! Pray for you and family for peace and comfort during this time! Love you sweet Judi!*
Gwen

Gwen Childs - January 14, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ *Bobby & I extend our deepest condolences to all who mourn Tommy's passing & pray that Our Heavenly Father will wrap His loving arms around them & grant them comfort, peace & strength as only He can do. Rest in Peace, Tommy, and Rejoice in Paradise!!*



Doris Griffin - January 14, 2021 at 10:39 AM

BB

“ *I haven't seen Tommy in a long time but I always think about him and the fun we had growing up when I lived next door to his grandmother on Herndon Street. We would wrap rubber bands around crackers and forks for his Uncle Joel's vending business and eat ketchup sandwiches. I know he will be missed and an earthly angel has returned to Heaven.*

Thoughts and Prayers for the family!

Love,

Betty Jean Lindsey Browning

Betty Browning - January 12, 2021 at 04:36 PM