



Thomas Clay Wales

March 21, 1941 - December 18, 2023

Thomas Clay Wales, 82 of Athens, passed away on Monday, December 18th, 2023, at Madison Hospital. Mr. Wales was born on March 21st, 1941, in Athens, to Howard Wales, Sr. and Mary Virgie Tillery Wales.

Mr. Wales is survived by his wife Betty Jones Wales, children Jan Sanborn and Jeff Wales (Julie); grandchildren Clay Wales (Kelsey), Sara Wales, Matt Sanborn (Betony), and Jessica Smalling (Will); 2 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings Ruth Helen Powers, Howard Wales, Jr., Lorene Smith, and Curtis Wales; and niece Kim Jones.

Funeral services for Mr. Wales will be Thursday, December 21st, 2023, at 2:00pm at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home, with Robert Fudge, Carl Witty, and Matt Lannom officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 11:00am to 1:45pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Gatlin Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Clay Wales, Matt Sanborn, Chris Whitt, Steve Hardiman, Rickey Smith, Adam Barnett, Bruce Nelson, and Steve Lovell.

Mr. Wales worked at Wolverine for 36 years. He sang with the Harmony Boys Quartet for many years. He loved fishing, singing, Alabama football, and Braves baseball.

Cemetery Details

Gatlin Cemetery

Ardmore, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HJ

“ Thomas was such a good natured sport. I recall times he was the subject of some hilarious practical jokes and he took it with a grin and a laugh.

He will be and has been missed while he has been sick.

Praises that he is in a much better place today.

Herman Jones - December 20, 2023 at 09:01 PM

PY

Betty, sorry I could not come. U know how much I loved u snd him. He was like family to me. I pray for peace for u and family. He is using that beautiful voice n Heaven to praise God, as he has done for years.

Paulette Young - December 21, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Clay Wales.



December 20, 2023 at 04:18 PM

BC

“ Thomas and I worked together at the Limestone Co-op, years ago . He was a such a nice kind man. He will be missed by so many . Prayers for Betty and all the family

Betsy Clark - December 19, 2023 at 10:47 PM

BE

Thank you Betsy. Daddy had lots of fond memories and funny stories about his time with y'all.

Betty - December 20, 2023 at 05:41 PM

DS

“ *David & Amy Smart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Clay Wales.*

David & Amy Smart - December 19, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Thomas Clay Wales.*



December 19, 2023 at 08:35 PM