



## Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.

July 30, 1948 - April 22, 2016

Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr., 67, loving husband of 47 years to Shirley Anne Robinett McKinney, entered into his eternal rest Friday afternoon, April 22, 2016 at Oconee Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 P.M. Monday afternoon, April 25, 2016 in the Rocky Knoll Baptist Church with Rev. J. Scott McKinney and Rev. Dexter James officiating. Interment will be at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday afternoon, April 26, 2016 at Wrens Memorial Gardens.

A native of Waynesboro, GA, Tommy was the son of Doris Graves McKinney Lehn and the late Thomas Edward McKinney Sr. After graduating Waynesboro High School, he obtained his BS in Business Administration from Valdosta State College. Upon graduation, Tommy returned to Waynesboro to work for his father and uncle in their hardware business, McKinney Wholesale. After the company was sold, he moved to Tifton GA where he worked for the John Deere dealership selling farm equipment. Tommy then moved back to Waynesboro, continuing to sell John Deere equipment at Blanchard Equipment. In 1980, he moved his family to Swainsboro GA to buy and sell construction, logging and farming equipment as owner of East State Equipment Co. In 2009, he continued pursuing his passion for selling heavy equipment in West Union SC. Having a strong work ethic, which he passed to his children, he was well-respected in the industry for his hard-work, dedication and honesty. In life, he did not let his health issues hold him back.

An outdoorsman, he loved to hunt and fish and to experience new things to soothe his adventurous spirit. He was known to take the long way home just to experience a drive down a road he had never traveled. A people-person, he never met a stranger and people were drawn to his larger-than-life personality.

Tommy loved his Lord and Savior and served him as a past member of the Waynesboro First Baptist Church, past member of the Swainsboro First Baptist Church, past member of Hawhammock Baptist Church, and as a member of Rocky Knoll Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. Tommy will also be remembered for being instrumental in the organization of the Rocky Knoll Jeep & Truck Ministry. His heart belonged to his family who he loved unconditionally and his greatest pleasure was having family get-togethers and being in their presence.

Death leaves a void that no one can fill; but loves leaves us memories that no one can steal. Tommy will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him; but now he has taken the road to his eternal home in Glory.

Other survivors include his children, Jason Scott McKinney (Christa) of Cookeville TN (formerly of Wrens GA) and Ronda Anne McKinney Bauknight (Douglas) of Buford GA; a sister, Beverly McKinney Fuller (Harry) of Augusta GA; five grandchildren, Taylor McKinney, Sam McKinney, Laura-Grace McKinney, Brittany Bauknight and Brian Bauknight; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to Rocky Knoll Baptist Church or to Rocky Knoll Jeep & Truck Ministry, PO Box 1100, Walhalla SC 29691.

The family will receive friends from 3:00-4:00 P.M., prior to the service, on

Monday afternoon, April 25, 2016 at Rocky Knoll Baptist Church and Tuesday afternoon, April 26, 2016, after the interment at Wrens Memorial Cemetery.

Davenport Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements in South Carolina with James Funeral Home handling the arrangements in Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Wrens Memorial Gardens

1258 Highway 80  
Wrens, GA 30833

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 25. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rocky Knoll Baptist Church  
970 Highlands Hwy  
Walhalla, SC 29691

## Funeral Service

APR 25. 4:00 PM (ET)

Rocky Knoll Baptist Church  
970 Highlands Hwy  
Walhalla, SC 29691

## Burial

APR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrens Memorial Gardens  
1258 Highway 80  
Wrens, GA 30833



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Robert & Cindy Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.*



**Robert & Cindy Kelly** - April 25, 2016 at 09:05 PM



*May God's wonderful peace be with you and may He be your comfort.*

**Robert** - April 25, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ *David and Deena Ion (from Lumber Connections) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr..*



**David and Deena Ion (from Lumber Connections)** - April 25, 2016 at 10:16 AM

BL

“ Bobby & Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



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**Bobby & Brenda Lee** - April 25, 2016 at 10:15 AM

BO

*To Shirley & family, Tommy was a great friend and we enjoyed him so much in our Bible Fellowship Class and other church activities. We know he is home now and we will see him again one day. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
**Bobby & Brenda Lee**

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**Bobby** - April 25, 2016 at 10:18 AM

MF

“ Margaret, Doug, Patricia Edwards and family purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr..



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**Margaret, Doug, Patricia Edwards and family** - April 24, 2016 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ Bro. Scott McKinney,  
Jeanina and I were so saddened this evening in church to learn of your dad's graduation to his heavenly home. We have been praying for him since you announced on Wednesday night that he was having some heart problems. I want you to know that we love you all dearly and are praying for you and all your family. I have stood where you are standing--the too-early-death of a dad. I know what you are going through and just know that you are in our prayers. If there is anything I can do from this end, please let me know.  
God bless you and your family richly in these days until we all make our own final journey into the Father's presence.  
Donald & Jeanina Cobb

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**Donald & Jeanina Cobb** - April 24, 2016 at 08:30 PM

DA

“ DON & DARLENE ALBERTSON lit a candle  
in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward  
McKinney, Jr.



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**DON & DARLENE ALBERTSON** - April 24, 2016 at 07:32 PM

BI

“ To Shirley and family - I am very sorry for your  
loss. May God help you through this time and  
bless you in the future.

*Bobby*



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**Bobby Ivester** - April 24, 2016 at 03:47 PM

GN

“ Dear Pastor Scott and family,  
I am praying for God's peace, comfort and strength to be with you and your sweet family. I understand how it feels to have your dad to get called to heaven a little early. Dad's are so important in our lives. Thank you for being such a wonderful pastor. You are greatly loved and appreciated! Keep on preaching The Word. I love it!

*God's blessings be upon you all, Glenda Newsom.*

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**glenda newsom** - April 24, 2016 at 03:11 PM

FV

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.  
Fred and Linda Vossel

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**Fred and Linda Vossel** - April 24, 2016 at 02:16 PM

TC

“ Praying and thinking of you and your household at this sad departure yet happy to know that he will spend eternity with our Heavenly Father.  
Tom & Wanda Coyne  
FBC Cookeville

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**tom coyne** - April 24, 2016 at 01:15 PM

WD

“ Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



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**Wilma Dain** - April 24, 2016 at 12:41 PM

KB

“ *My prayers are with you all!*



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**Kim Biemann** - April 24, 2016 at 11:55 AM

MN

“ *We are praying that the Lord will continue to give you His comfort and strength. God bless you. Mark & Natalie Nelson, Philip and Linley*

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**Mark Nelson** - April 24, 2016 at 08:35 AM

JB

“ *Jeff Bearden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.*



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**Jeff bearden** - April 24, 2016 at 07:03 AM

BB

“ *Bobby And Cheryl Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.*



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**Bobby and Cheryl Brewer** - April 24, 2016 at 06:14 AM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - April 23, 2016 at 11:32 PM

CB

“ Carmelita Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



Carmelita Baumgarner - April 23, 2016 at 09:03 PM

MG

“ Margie Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



Margie Green - April 23, 2016 at 07:21 PM

JC

“ Joe & Pat Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



Joe & Pat Culbertson - April 23, 2016 at 05:48 PM

CL

“ Clyde & Joyce Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



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**Clyde & Joyce Lusk** - April 23, 2016 at 05:12 PM

RA

“ Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Edward McKinney, Jr.



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**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - April 23, 2016 at 04:56 PM