



Thomas M. Goforth

March 24, 1940 - November 8, 2016

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Thomas M. “Tom” Goforth, 76, of Oakhurst Drive, North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest November 8, 2016, will be conducted Saturday morning at 10 o’clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel. Reverend Jerry Garvin officiating. Interment in Westview Cemetery with Veterans Honors rendered by The American Legion Jessie C. Lynch Memorial Post #71.

Mr. Goforth was a native of Harlan, Kentucky, having made North Augusta his home for the past 49 years. He was a US Army Veteran of Viet Nam having obtained the rank of Captain and served as the Commander of the 101st Airborne. Mr. Goforth retired from the Aiken County School System with 30 years of service and served as a member and Vice Chairman of the Aiken County School Board. He was a member of The American Legion Jessie C. Lynch Memorial Post #71, 40 & 8 Vulture 1177, a member of the Board of Directors of “Funding for Scholars” and a former Head Coach with the Augusta Eagles Semi-Pro Football Team

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Mary Lynn Goforth; a son and daughter-in-law, Chip and Nicole Goforth, North Augusta; three daughters, Kim Gracey, Martinez, Jennifer and Pasquale Arace, Pittsfield, MA and Ashlee and Rance O’Neal, North Augusta; eleven grandchildren, Cameron Arace, Justin Arace, Alessandra Arace, Isabella Arace, Landon Arace, Chloe’

Goforth, Abby Goforth, Emma Goforth, Anna Logan, Saylor Logan and Macy Logan.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of The American Legion Jessie C. Lynch Memorial Post #71. Active Pallbearers will be Eddie Watkins, Kenneth Farley, Clay McGlouthin, Alex Goforth, Dr. Bill Gallman, Bob Ramsey, Jim Inman and Paul Inglett.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday evening from 5 until 7.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Legion Jessie C. Lynch Memorial Post #71 Building Fund, PO Box 6036, North Augusta, SC 29861 or Loyall High School Alumni Scholarship Fund, c/o Kenneth Farley, 192 Noelle Lane, East Burnside, KY 40729.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

2051 Division Street
Augusta, GA 30904

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

NOV 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas M. Goforth*



Posey Funeral Directors - November 10, 2016 at 04:22 PM

PL

What a beautiful tribute to a lovely family! Tom and Pam Lillis

Pam Lillis - November 12, 2016 at 03:00 PM

PF

Beautiful tribute to a wonderful man! Tee Fralick

patricia h. fralick - November 14, 2016 at 06:39 PM

TM

Beautiful tribute to a very wonderful man! Tawanna Madison

Tawanna Madison - November 14, 2016 at 09:28 PM

CA

Beautiful, happy tribute to a great old friend.....rest in peace, Tom. - Carol Armstrong

carol armstrong - November 14, 2016 at 10:36 PM

BU

Great tribute to a terrific man . . . His legacy shows brightly in this video tribute. . . It is his family and his love for them!

Bill Utsey - November 15, 2016 at 08:45 AM



What a beautiful tribute!

Lisa Bryant - November 15, 2016 at 09:36 AM



So sorry for your loss.. what great memories! Kim DeLaigle Maddox and Trevor Maddox

Kim DeLaigle Maddox - November 15, 2016 at 12:27 PM



So glad I happened upon this! What a sweet tribute! Beautiful family and wonderful memories. Wish I had the opportunity to meet him. I only remember meeting Uncle Clarence one time. Gennie Goforth Grundy

Gennie Goforth Grundy - April 12, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ I miss you Mr. Thomas. Thanks for Educating me.

Kityamuweesi Raymond - August 20, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ Thomas M. Goforth

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Thomas M. Goforth

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

KB

“ *Mary Lynn I worked with you many years ago in Nursing Administration at University. I am so very sorry for your loss and the video was a great tribute to your husband. You are just as beautiful as you've always been.*
Love and prayers,
Kim Atkinson Booth

kim booth - November 14, 2016 at 09:44 PM

RW

“ *I remember Mr. Goforth from when I was in the junior high at NE. He was my shop teacher and he was the best. Then he left to be a movie star. My condolences to the family for their loss. Your in my prayers for God to give you comfort and strength during this time.*
Randy Wilson

Randy Wilson - November 14, 2016 at 07:12 PM



“ *Kim and dear family,, I am so sorry to hear about your father's passing and will be praying for all of you as you grieve his absence. Love you very much!*

Tamara Patrick Warlick

Tamara Warlick - November 13, 2016 at 09:12 AM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my prayers. Joan Clark*

Joan Clark - November 12, 2016 at 07:51 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing, he was a wonderful man that really loved his family! I had the pleasure of serving as Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education during his term on the school Board! He was such a joy to work with and I always loved his signature greeting "Everyday is a Holiday"! He truly loved the students that he served in Aiken County! Prayers for all of his family during these difficult days! He will be missed by all that knew him! God Bless each of you!

Dot Martin - November 11, 2016 at 11:24 PM

LO

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Prayers for each of you during this difficult time. Hugs to each of you.💔

Leigh Anne Felty Ogden - November 11, 2016 at 07:23 PM

TH

“ Our deepest condolences.
Tracy(Lowe) & Terry Hughes

Tracy Lowe Hughes - November 11, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas M. Goforth.



November 11, 2016 at 02:26 PM

NW

“ Norma and I share this: We respected, liked, appreciated Tom Goforth. He is a fine man and we considered him a friend. When we heard he was gone we hugged one another and cried. We like many others are suffering a personal loss.
Norman and Norma Walker

Norm. & Norma Walker - November 11, 2016 at 02:07 PM

FD

“ Funding for Scholars Board of Directors purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas M. Goforth.



Funding for Scholars Board of Directors - November 11, 2016 at 01:02 PM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Goforth family. May you feel God's presence even closer during this sorrowful time.

Jimmy and Janice Bell



Dr. Janice Bell - November 11, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas M. Goforth.



November 11, 2016 at 08:42 AM

RD

“ To Chip and family, your Daddy was always a very nice and kind gentleman to everyone he met. I remember him very well from New Ellenton Middle School (N.E. Jr. High at the time we were there), he always tried to help his students in every way that he could, if nothing else but to chit chat. We all felt like he was more so a friend than a teacher. I know you and your family will truly miss him. My heart goes out to you all and will remember you all in my prayers.



Sincerely, Rita Martin Davis

Rita Martin Davis - November 10, 2016 at 09:50 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are extended to the Goforth family. May the God of peace and love comfort you during this difficult time.

Laura Bacon

Laura Bacon - November 10, 2016 at 08:43 PM

TK

“ Mr. Goforth was my favorite teacher in Junior High School. Truly a man of gray character and integrity. He believed in the education system and worked to make a difference. When you remember the impact some one had on your life 40+ years later and I think that says a lot about them. RIP

Terry Kendrick - November 10, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - November 10, 2016 at 04:17 PM

CD

“ *All the memories that I have of Mr. Goforth are fond memories. His compassion and loving nature were such a huge part of this wonderful man. To all of the Goforth Family, may the Good Lord comfort you in this time of grief. Love and Prayers to you all!*

Carla (Grose) Dupert

Carla Dupert - November 10, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ *I remember Mr. Goforth being my elementary school principal. He was such a nice man. Prayers to the family.*



Michelle Wood - November 10, 2016 at 08:46 AM

FF

“ *Franchesca Reynolds And Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Goforth*



Franchesca Reynolds and Family - November 10, 2016 at 08:33 AM

DH

“ *I will never forget how kind Mr. Goforth was. While he was principal at Byrd Elementary, my oldest son was struggling, but Mr. Goforth always had an encouraging word for him and me. Whenever I dropped my boys off at school, Mr. Goforth was always out front greeting the children and providing support and encouragement. He even handed out candy which the children loved! My sincerest condolences to his family.*
Donna Humble

Donna Humble - November 10, 2016 at 07:59 AM

AP

“ *Mr. G touched many lives, including my own. While at Byrd, he visited my classroom every day. He was always an encourager. Many times he handed my son \$5 and said, "Get your mom to take you for a Happy Meal". Times were tough for me then, but Mr. G's smile & encouraging words were helpful. May God bless you with comfort. My deepest condolences. ~Amy Phibbs*

Amy Phibbs - November 10, 2016 at 07:31 AM

RD

“ *Rita Davis lit a candle in memory of Thomas M. Goforth*



Rita Davis - November 10, 2016 at 06:56 AM

DP

May the peace of God be with your family!

Doria Patterson - November 10, 2016 at 07:04 AM

TH

“ *Mr. Goforth was such a wonderful principal to work for because he always respected teachers, staff, children, and families. He was such a good man. The last time I saw him was at the Belvedere Elementary reunion in June and I sat at his table. He talked and talked about his pride in his family. That will be a special memory for me. Also, I think of him and hear him saying at work "Every day is a holiday!" God bless Mary Lynn and the whole family.*

Theresa Heffernan - November 10, 2016 at 06:03 AM

DE

“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked at the Administrative Area Three Office when Mr. Goforth was Principal. I remember him finishing his retirement working with us at the Area Office. Such a sweet person!!*



Deana - November 10, 2016 at 03:05 AM

LS

Mary Lynn, so very sorry to hear of your loss. Know you and your family are in my prayers. Lurlene

lurlene scott - November 10, 2016 at 05:26 AM

PB

“ I got to know Mr. Goforth when he was on school board. He would stop by *The Star* to chat about the latest topic of interest in the school district, but more important, he always had a kind word. He would ask about my children and tell me about his. He was obviously so proud of his family and what his kids had become. I think it was that pride that led him to continue to do his part through Aiken County Board of Education to make sure other children had the opportunity to be successful - after a career of working for kids as an educator. His heart of gold came through in all he said and did. My heartfelt condolences to his family. He will be missed.

Phyllis Britt - November 10, 2016 at 12:20 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear this sad news! Tom was such a sweet and caring man. When he came into our office at Edward Jones he always talked about his grandchildren and obviously loved his family so much. He will truly be missed!



Debby Markwalter - November 09, 2016 at 10:20 PM

RC

“ I am so sorry for the family's loss of such a dear sweet man. My prayers are with the family.

Robin Curry

Robin Curry - November 09, 2016 at 10:03 PM

HM

“ *Mary Lynn, so sorry to hear about your loss. My condolences to you and your family. Will have you in my thoughts and prayers. Love sent your way, Henrietta*

Henrietta Milich - November 09, 2016 at 08:58 PM

SS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family!
Dwight and Susan Smith*

Susan Smith - November 09, 2016 at 08:04 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of
Thomas M. Goforth.*



November 09, 2016 at 07:49 PM

TB

“ *Sending prayers tto the Goforth Family. Sorry for your loss. God bless.*

Terry Brigharp - November 09, 2016 at 07:40 PM

JR

“ *Jackie Roy lit a candle in memory of Thomas
M. Goforth*



Jackie Roy - November 09, 2016 at 06:44 PM

JR

Prayers for all of you, Mary Lynn , children & grands. So many special pleasant memories of time spent together. Especially our canasta. We love you all.


Prayers. Tom was a special guy 🙏🙏

Jackie Roy - November 09, 2016 at 06:49 PM

LS

Condolences to your family. Prayers for you all.

Linda Stone - November 10, 2016 at 10:42 AM

 Alison
Berry

“ *Kim and Ashlee - I remember days at your home while Kim and I were in school together. Your Dad and Mom were always so kind to me. There was so much love in your home. I am so sorry for your loss, and words cannot express that. God blessed you with a great Dad. I will pray for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Alison Berry - November 09, 2016 at 06:43 PM

JG

“ *In talking with Tom at the schools where he was principal, a saying he had was, Every day is a Holiday and he would laugh. That was his philosophy! I enjoyed getting to know Tom while serving as Chaplain for about 10 years with the American Legion Post 71. He was a joy to be around. Jodie Galloway*

Jodie Galloway - November 09, 2016 at 06:01 PM

BB

Bill and I are so saddened by the news of Tom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. We pray that God's hands of mercy and peace will surround you.

Bonnie Bradley - November 10, 2016 at 01:16 PM