



## Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley

March 12, 1939 - June 5, 2019

Thomas (Tom) Swilley, long time pastor (47 yrs.) and a denominational leader, died Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at the age of 80. He was born March 12, 1939 the son of the late Horace Floyd and Azalee Elizabeth Swilley.

In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his sister, Mary Frances Barnhill.

Pastor Tom was a native of Summerton, SC. He was a graduate of Carlisle Military School, International Bible Institute, and International Seminary of Plymouth, Florida. He graduated with a Bachelor of Ministry and Master of Theology degrees. He also was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Bible studies from International Seminary.

Pastor Tom served churches in Louisiana, Georgia and South Carolina for forty-seven years in four pastorates. He served Elam Egypt Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church, Cedar Grove Baptist Church and was interim pastor in two churches Clarendon Baptist (NC) and Kingston Baptist (Conway). He served the South Carolina Baptist convention two terms as Chairman of the Executive Board and Moderator of the Middle Baptist Association in Sylvania, Georgia. Pastor Tom was a mission minded and evangelistic pastor. He preached in over 200 revivals in 10 states during his days as a pastor. After retiring in 2011, he has served two churches as an interim pastor.

He is survived by his wife, Norvelle (Dibbie) Swilley, five children, Floyd Swilley (Laurel), Libbi Sheridan (Pete), Kim Edwards (Jerry), Jean Coombs (Jeff) and Kerry Braxton; twenty grandchildren and twenty- three great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held 11am Saturday, June 8, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach with Rev. Bruce Crawford, Rev. Scott Enzor and Rev. Ryan Edwards officiating.

Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the fellowship Hall, in the lower level of the church.

Burial will be held 3pm Saturday June 8th at Evergreen Cemetery in Summerton S.C. after the service.

Please sign a guestbook at [watsonfuneralservices.com](http://watsonfuneralservices.com).

Watson Funeral Services and Crematory, 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC is serving the family.

Posted as a courtesy to local friends.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dibble, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tom.

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**Jonna Carter** - June 10, 2019 at 02:09 PM

JP

“ Jackie Pierce lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



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**Jackie Pierce** - June 10, 2019 at 10:09 AM

MD

“ Marcia Deshazo lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



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**Marcia Deshazo** - June 09, 2019 at 10:23 AM

MD

*Prayers of peace*

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**Marcia Deshazo** - June 09, 2019 at 10:23 AM

MN

“ Mike Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Mike Northcutt - June 08, 2019 at 07:02 AM

MG

“ Mike Gainey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Mike Gainey - June 08, 2019 at 04:50 AM

DB

“ Danny And DeeDee Byrd lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Danny and DeeDee Byrd - June 07, 2019 at 05:30 PM

MW

“ Mickey And Shirley Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Mickey and Shirley Wilkes - June 07, 2019 at 04:58 PM

MW

*Praying God will be with you and give you comfort and peace.*

**Mickey and Shirley Wilkes** - June 07, 2019 at 05:01 PM

EB

“*Eric , Jo Lynn Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley*



**Eric , Jo Lynn Bradshaw** - June 07, 2019 at 02:04 PM

TS

“*Brother Tom was the voice of the Red Foxes some years back. I can here his voice on the radio telling the defense, you got to hunker down and hold'em boys. His message of Jesus was the same to whoever would listen. Hunker down and hold your position for our Savior Jesus Christ. No matter what the world may say, be bold in Jesus name. Thank you for giving your life for the glory of God Brother Tom.*



**Tim Skipper** - June 07, 2019 at 11:37 AM

PL

*Dibbie,  
Praying for comfort and peace for you and your family. Tom was a special person. I think of you both often and fondly. I love you, Dibbie.  
Always, Paulette Lowe Kitchens*

**Paulette Lowe** - June 08, 2019 at 09:01 PM

EW

“ Edna Faye Warr lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Edna Faye Warr - June 07, 2019 at 11:31 AM

EW

Kim and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Peggy Jo Jordan and Edna Faye Warr

Edna Faye Warr - June 07, 2019 at 11:33 AM

LS

“ Laurie & Barbara Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Laurie & Barbara Sansbury - June 07, 2019 at 10:44 AM

LS

Dibbie and family, We're so sorry to hear of Pastor Tom's passing. He was our Pastor at Antioch for many years. Pastor Tom was very "Special" to us. He will surely be missed by all. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Laurie & Barbara Sansbury - June 07, 2019 at 11:25 AM

DB

“ David And Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



David and Beverly Byrd - June 07, 2019 at 10:30 AM

DJ

“ *Dennis And Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley*



**Dennis and Robin Johnson** - June 07, 2019 at 09:13 AM

MH

“ *Maxine Howle lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley*



**Maxine Howle** - June 07, 2019 at 02:46 AM

RH

“ *So sorry to hear about Pastor Swilley passing. My deepest condolences to Debbie and family. Becky Sheriffs Office/ Family court.*

**Rebecca c. Hunter** - June 07, 2019 at 02:28 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley*



**Barbara Sansbury** - June 06, 2019 at 11:22 PM

CM

“ Sorry to hear about Tom, My Prayers are with you.

Charles McLendon - June 06, 2019 at 08:32 PM

PC

“ Paul Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Paul Cannarella - June 06, 2019 at 07:47 PM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Charles and Lavonde Smith - June 06, 2019 at 04:37 PM

JG

“ Jewel Gibson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley



Jewel Gibson - June 06, 2019 at 01:59 PM

JG

Debbie and family,so sorry to hear your loss.He will be missed by so many.Prayers for this special family.GOD BLESS. Jewel Gibson Hartsville sc.

Jewel Gibson - June 06, 2019 at 02:04 PM

KH

“ *Kim so very sorry for your loss.*



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**Karen Harrison** - June 06, 2019 at 01:32 PM

AB

“ *Artis Bailey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas "Tom" Swilley*



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**Artis Bailey** - June 06, 2019 at 11:17 AM