



## Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.

July 15, 1941 - April 13, 2015

Funeral services for Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins, Jr., 73, of Marietta, GA, will be held at 2 o'clock on Friday, April 17 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Roberts will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the First Baptist Church Parlor following the graveside service.

Mr. Huggins died on April 13, 2015. Born in Hartsville, SC, he was the son of the late Thomas Woodrow Huggins, Sr. and Aurelia Gainey Huggins. He graduated from Hartsville High School, attended Newberry College and received a business degree from Francis Marion College. He also served in the US Air Force.

Tommy was very active in sports and scouting as a youth. His life-long love of athletics led him to enjoy volunteer coaching and supporting various sports groups in which his children and grandchildren participated over the years. His career with Sonoco Products Company transferred he and his family to numerous locations in the Southeast where he was involved in community affairs and was an active church member. He retired from Sonoco in 2006 and relocated to Marietta, GA, to be near his family.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Elaine Luther Huggins; son, Thomas Woodrow Huggins III and daughter-in-law, Lori; daughter, Mary Amanda King and son-in-law, Allen; grandchildren, Camille King, Madeline Huggins, Thomas

Huggins IV, and Charles King. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Ruth Huggins, as well as brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Charles and Kathryn Luther, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Willie Mae Grant Huggins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to support Frontotemporal Dementia (Pick's Disease) research at Emory University. Please send donations to: Emory University Dept. of Neurology/FTD Research, Attention: K. Dozier, Dir. of Development, 1440 Clifton Rd NE, Suite 170, Atlanta, GA 30322

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 383-3004

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel  
306 W Home Ave  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Our condolences ....*

*Len B. and Claire Hudson Gaskins*

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**Claire** - April 23, 2015 at 11:55 AM

BL

“ *Woody,  
I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Mr. Huggins was a true original, so much fun to be around. I really enjoyed spending time with him over the years at GSU events. Prayers to you and your family. Know that he is in a better place. God Bless.*

*Billy Lee*

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**Billy Lee** - April 19, 2015 at 11:56 AM

BW

“ *We were so sorry to hear this sad news. Many of my memories of growing up in Hartsville include Tommy. Nancy and I send our thoughts and prayers all of you.*

*Budgy Wilhelm*

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**Budgy Wilhelm** - April 17, 2015 at 04:18 PM

JT

“ *Jones Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.*



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**Jones Tinsley** - April 17, 2015 at 01:11 PM

BL

“ Booper And Lynne Luther lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.



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**Booper and Lynne Luther** - April 17, 2015 at 12:43 PM

SC

“ Sunni Cassidy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.



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**Sunni Cassidy** - April 17, 2015 at 05:16 AM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you! We appreciate you both coming to visit mom so many times when you came back to Hartsville, It meant the world to her. May God comfort you now and the days ahead!  
Rick and Debbie (Luther) Watson



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**Debbie Watson** - April 16, 2015 at 08:32 PM

LT

“ *Elaine and family: I was saddened to hear of the passing of Tommy. We were in the graduating class of 1959 and he was such a good football player. I enjoyed working with him at Sonoco when he was at the Opp plant. He was such a gentle and kind person. My thoughts and prayers are with you during the difficult days ahead.*



Linda Thompson - April 16, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JL

*Sorry to hear of the loss of this special guy. I enjoyed working with Tommy at Sonoco. He was so pleasant and made working together fun. He was a nice gentleman*

Judy Lane - April 26, 2015 at 10:16 AM

CG

“ *May thoughts and prayers are with the family.*



Connee Gamble Grantham - April 16, 2015 at 02:55 PM

LL

“ *Elaine & family,  
We are so sorry of the passing of Tommy. We have lifted you up in prayer and you and your family will continue to be in our thoughts. Lee & Margaret*



Lee & Margaret Lanier - April 16, 2015 at 11:45 AM

KC

“ Joel, Tommy and I went on a trip to Sebring, Florida in 1964 in his new Chevelle then we lost track. We had lots of good times together and are so sorry not to have known he was in Marietta. Today I begin to participate in the Tomorrow study at the Emory research center for Alzheimers and other dementia related diseases. It is my hope that by taking part in this, I can help those like Tommy have a brighter Tomorrow.

Kathleen Canada - April 16, 2015 at 07:14 AM



“ Woody, I am so saddened to hear of Tommy's passing. He was one of my favorite plant managers. Always so kind and helpful. I was honored to call him friend. My prayers are with you and your family.

Anne Braddock - April 15, 2015 at 10:17 PM

LM

“ Lock McKinnon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.



Lock McKinnon - April 15, 2015 at 10:14 PM

RW

“ Rebecca Wadsworth Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.



Rebecca Wadsworth Walker - April 15, 2015 at 07:47 PM

JL

“ Johnny Lawing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.



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**Johnny Lawing** - April 15, 2015 at 07:05 PM

PD

“ Elaine, Howard and I were sorry to hear of Tommy's death. You and the family are in our prayers. Howard and Patricia Huggins Dampier (Class of '65)

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**Patricia Dampier** - April 15, 2015 at 06:48 PM

JP

“ Elaine & Family:

*Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. It is a loss for anyone that knew Tommy. He was a big reason why I moved to work at Sonoco Opp nearly 11 years ago - and still there - I will always be grateful. Ever since he retired the good times we had and stories have carried on, I will cherish his memory always!*

*You are in our prayers*

*Jason, Sandra, Jackson & Grayson Pellissier*

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**Jason Pellissier** - April 15, 2015 at 05:35 PM

CE

“ *Elaine and family*

*Sorry to hear of this news. I enjoyed working with Tommy "Pappa Smurf" as we all liked to call him for the 11 years I worked for Sonoco in Opp. You and your family will be in our prayers.*

*Chad, Jennifer, Tyler and Bethany Elmore*

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**Chad Elmore** - April 15, 2015 at 04:04 PM

JK

“ *Elaine, Woody , and rest of family: please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Tommy. I worked with him briefly while handling the Opp plant but worked with Woody more at Bolton. So sorry for your loss .....my thoughts and prayers are with all of you...*

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**JoFrieda Kelley** - April 15, 2015 at 02:25 PM

RP

“ *Rayford & Carolyn Pait lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.*



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**Rayford & Carolyn Pait** - April 15, 2015 at 11:40 AM

LK

“ *Elaine and family,*  
*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will remember you and your family in prayer. I pray the Lord will grant you the grace to endure this difficult time in your life. I know Tommy will be missed by many.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Linda Stewart Knorr*

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**Linda Knorr** - April 15, 2015 at 11:13 AM

WC

“ *Elaine and Family*  
*Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. We are grateful to have had Tommy in our lives. He was always very supportive and inspiring. He gave me my chance to grow with Sonoco and supported me all the way. God bless. Wade, Rhonda, Jade, and Jesi Cotton*

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**Wade Cotton** - April 15, 2015 at 10:01 AM

KS

“ *Elaine and Family,*  
*My thoughts are with you all in the loss of such a wonderful husband, dad, and grandfather. We have many wonderful memories of our time we spent with our children through their high school and college years.*  
*Karen Shimko*

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**Karen Shimko** - April 15, 2015 at 08:57 AM

RI

“ *Elaine and Woody,*  
  
*Mr Huggins will be missed around our Athletic family at Georgia Southern. He always had a great and fun attitude while Woody was a student at GSU. Shirley And I will be thinking of you and the family.*

*Roger and Shirley Inman.*

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**Roger Inman** - April 15, 2015 at 08:47 AM

PS

“ Elaine, Jerry and I are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Pam and Jerry Sansbury*

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**Pam Sansbury** - April 15, 2015 at 07:17 AM

SH

“ Sharon Shirley Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Woodrow Huggins Jr.



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**Sharon Shirley Howle** - April 15, 2015 at 05:40 AM

JB

“ As a childhood friend and classmate of Tommy, I want to express my loving care and deepest condolences to the family in your loss. When we were very young, Tommy and other neighborhood kids and I used to "play cowboys and Indians." We set up a "camp" with tents in his back yard. In a few classes he sat right behind me. He used to make me laugh often with his sense of humor. He was a standout running back on our resurrected football program under Coach Billy Seigler at HHS and good all around athlete. Seigler's first Red Foxes team had a 10-2 record, losing only to Florence and Darlington, with Tommy being a big factor in that success. I am sorry he did not make our class' 45th reunion a few years ago but I am glad I can remember him with that smile the last time I saw him. Peace and blessings with great memories to all of you.

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**Jimmy Ballard** - April 14, 2015 at 09:41 PM

GB

“ *Elaine and family, I am sorry for the sadness and sense of loss you are feeling. You will be in my prayers.*

*Love in Christ,,  
Gloria Beckham Butler*

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**Gloria Butler** - April 14, 2015 at 04:21 PM

GF

“ *Mr. Tommy was an amazing man. He has been like a second dad to me since going to Georgia Southern with Woody. He kept us laughing and kept encouraging us. After college, he was there to help us plant trees and to tell us stories to keep our mind off the boring job of planting. He gave my son insight on life and how to be a great man. He was such a role model for so many! We love each of you and are in our thoughts and prayers! - Gene Fulcher*

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**Gene Fulcher** - April 14, 2015 at 01:05 PM