



## Hudson Tatum

September 11, 1933 - June 13, 2017

Hudson Thomas Tatum age 83, of Arab passed away Tues. June 13, 2017, at Shepherd's Cove Hospice Facility in Albertville. Mr. Tatum was born on September 11, 1933, in Cartersville, GA the son of George Ryle Tatum and Bertha Lee Tatum. He served his country in the United States Army and he was married to Sherry Summerlin Tatum. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Georgia and taught school for many years at J.B. Pennington High School until he retired in 1994. His favorite work was farming and he continued to farm after retirement. He is survived by his Wife: Sherry Tatum of Arab; Son and Daughter in law: Bryan and Donna Tatum of Arab; Daughter and Son in law: Mitzie and Matt Jordan of Arab; Brother: Ryle Tatum of Statesboro, GA; Sister: Jeanette Mellinger of Calhoun, GA; Grandchildren: Seth Tatum, Luke Tatum, Holly Jordan Roberson and Husband, Will Roberson, Betsy Jordan and Riley Grace Jordan. Funeral Service will be Friday June 16, 2017, at 3 PM at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Matt Jordan officiating. Burial will be in Brookwood Cemetery with Gober Funeral Chapel directing. Visitation will be at the Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church from 1-3 PM Friday. Pallbearers will be: Seth Tatum, Luke Tatum, Will Roberson, Paul Protz, Tracy Kelly and Terrell McNeil.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookwood Cemetery

Old Guntersville Rd.  
Arab, AL 35016

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church  
2237 Guntersville Rd.  
Arab, AL 35016

## Funeral Service

JUN 16. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hudson Tatum*

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *Spud beat my tail in eighth grade for no particular reason except for the 18 year old in my 8th grade class. Thought he was cheating. He was. We were scared, had to give this grown man information.. I got beat for it. Spud was wrong., but I still liked his attitude for education.If my son was under Spud today and he got his tail beat, I would probably punch Spud in the face. Still proud to have been educated by Mr. Tatum. I have deep respect for his ideology with education, He was a good man. I now can remember the time as a important time in my life. RIP Spud.*

**Eddie Ray** - June 18, 2017 at 01:22 AM



“ *Keven And Tonda Ayers lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum*



**Keven and Tonda Ayers** - June 17, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ *I can't remember any teacher I ever had that could be so much fun to be around and also teach in a way that could reach a student like me , we even had wrestling matches in his study hall it was all in fun . So rest in peace Mr.Tatum I know your memory and knowledge you passed on will live forever.*

**Jt Thomas** - June 17, 2017 at 02:21 PM

Rich  
Partain

“ *Mr. Tatum was always a favorite teacher of mine at Pennington. Always kind and quick with a smile. Unforgettable. It was an honor to be taught by him.*

Rich Partain - June 16, 2017 at 11:33 AM

MJ

“ *Mark and Kelly Jordan purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Hudson Tatum.*



Mark and Kelly Jordan - June 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

DB

“ *Diane Blake lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum*



Diane Blake - June 15, 2017 at 01:04 PM

SH

“ *Sabra Stancil Henry lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum*



Sabra Stancil Henry - June 15, 2017 at 08:53 AM

Nicole  
Noojin

“ *Nicole Noojin lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum*



Nicole Noojin - June 15, 2017 at 05:50 AM

PS

“ *Patty Smith lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum*



Patty Smith - June 15, 2017 at 05:01 AM

Susan  
Hall

“ *Loved Mr. Tatum was the best teacher.*

Susan Hall - June 15, 2017 at 12:44 AM

BS

“ *I had the privilege of having him as A teacher. He was A wonderful man and teacher. My condolences to the family.*

Brandi Suttles - June 14, 2017 at 11:37 PM

JS

“ I had the honor of having been taught by Mr. Tatum. I graduated from Pennington in 1995. I was talking too much in class one day and although I was usually a rule follower Mr. Tatum decided to make an example of me. Paddle in hand- "Jamie McHan- to the hall." My face red and hands trembling I stumbled to the hall. "You're better than that!" He told me and then bent his leg up and smacked his shoe three good licks. Wide eyed I looked thankfully to this dear man as he told me to wait a minute in the hall and come in looking like I'd been paddled and to keep my mouth shut the rest of class. Deal! I came in downcast but it was hard to keep the smile off my face. :)

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**Jamie McHan Scott** - June 14, 2017 at 10:03 PM

TH

“ Mr. tatum was a wonderful man and mentor, I loved being in his class at Pennington High. He was always a delight to be around and always had a smile. Fly high Mr. Tatum. You were well loved and will be missed so much.

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**Timothy Hackney** - June 14, 2017 at 09:40 PM

TH

“ Timothy Hackney lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum



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**Timothy Hackney** - June 14, 2017 at 09:37 PM

ML

“ *Melody Wilks Lusk lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum*



**Melody Wilks Lusk** - June 14, 2017 at 07:48 PM

TF

“ *Sorry for lost he was a very good teacher at J B Pennington the class of 1979*

**Terry Freeman** - June 14, 2017 at 07:25 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Tatum was one of my favorite teachers at JBPHS. Praying for comfort and peace for the family.*



**Donna Black** - June 14, 2017 at 07:11 PM

 Gail Brown

“ *He was one of my favorite teachers of all!!!! I graduated in 1984, as Gail Elrod Cryer, I'm so sorry to the family of the loss of such a great person. my prayers of comfort for family and friends*



**Gail Brown** - June 14, 2017 at 07:10 PM

SH

“ Sarah/Sonny Hazel lit a candle in memory of Hudson Tatum



Sarah/Sonny Hazel - June 14, 2017 at 06:47 PM

MM

*Prayers for the family*

Mary Littleton Masters - June 14, 2017 at 07:44 PM

MM

*A good teacher, good guy, & smart. When I had to take to many science classes in college, I thought of Mr Tatum. I wished I had paid more attention instead of talking & being a noodle head student*

Mary Littleton Masters - June 14, 2017 at 07:46 PM

JD

*Mr. Tatum was one of my all-time favorite teachers. He was a very special man, my prayers to his family.*

Jennifer Lambert Dutton - June 17, 2017 at 07:02 PM