



## Mr. W. Lawhorne,

October 24, 1924 - November 27, 2011

Mr. Thomas Walter Lawhorne, Sr., 87, passed away November. 27, 2011 at Kindred Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday December 4, 2011 at the First Baptist Church with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery with Dr. Ben Bush officiating.

Mr. Lawhorne was born October 24, 1924 in Worth County, Georgia to the late Onie Shepard and Alice Saunders Lawhorne where he has lived most of his life. He was the owner of Lawhorne Realty and Lawhorne Storage. Thomas was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Sylvester, Ga. He was the mayor of Sylvester for over 20 years and was previously a Councilman. He adored Sylvester and Worth County and his many friends here. One of his favorite activities was to ride through the county and tell stories about the places he saw, his experiences and friends that he loved. Mr. Lawhorne was a member of the Sylvester Kiwanis Club for over 50 years, a Shriner, Mason and member of Worth Lodge #194 F. & A. M., a former Director with the Sylvester Banking Co. He loved watching the Georgia Bulldogs play football. Thomas bought his first car at age 16 with money he made delivering newspapers. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was loved and admired by many.

Mr. Lawhorne is survived by his wife Susan Brady Lawhorne, son Dr. Thomas W. Lawhorne, Jr. (Susan), grandchildren; Dr. Gervaise L. Gerstner, Dr. Thomas W. Lawhorne, III (Claire), great-grandchildren; Grace and Olivia

Gerstner, step-children; Thomas P. Johnson, III (Gina), E. Tracy Johnson (Melissa), Wendy R. Konig (Greg), step-grandchildren; Juliana, Philip and Alexander Johnson, Jordan and Connor Johnson, Maggie, Fiona, Graham and Piper Konig, who was born on Thomas' birthday to his delight. His beloved dogs were his dear Charlie and Punkin. Thomas is also survived by several nieces and one nephew.

Mr. Lawhorne was preceded in death by his first wife of 54 years Gervaise Walea Lawhorne.

The family will receive friends on Saturday (TODAY) from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester, Georgia.

For those desiring, memorials made be made to First Baptist Church P.O. Box 309 Sylvester GA 31791, Gideon's International P.O. Box 5303 Sylvester GA 31791 American Lung Association 1104 W. 3rd. Ave. Albany, GA., 31707, American Heart Association P.O. Box 409410 Atlanta, GA 30384. or to a charity of your choice.

Many thanks to Dr. Hoskinson, Dr. Boomer, and all the many support personnel at Kindred Hospital in Tulsa, OK. who gently cared for Thomas during his illness. I will be forever grateful.

Sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com)

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. W. Lawhorne,*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Tommy,*  
*Please except my sympathy and my wife Becky for the loss of your father. Both of you was close friends during our High School years a lot of special memories that will never be forgotten. God has received a very special man and please express oursympathy to the rest of the family.*

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**Jerry Gentry** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM



“ *I spent a lot more time with papa as I got older and he always enjoyed watching his beloved Georgia Bulldogs on Saturdays. He also loved his two dogs Charlie and Punkin. Also when ever I was with him and we were on the road or going out to eat he never missed to a chance to get a milkshake, he absolutely loved them. He has had a great impact on my life and I will miss him a great deal. I love and miss you papa.*

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**Jordan Johnson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM



“ *Very,Very Good Friends...My Condolences*

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**Ernest C. Rice** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We pray that God will comfort you with the peace that only He can give and surround you with His love. Thomas was a dear friend and will be greatly missed.

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**Taylor & Becky Childre** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

TT

“ We passed through Sylvester a couple of weeks ago and saw you Father's office. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Love, Tom and Peggy

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**Tom and Peggy Theus** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

GH

“ Tommy,

*We will always remember those goldens years of yesterday when all were young and well. Your Dad will be sorely missed by all who knew him and his wonderful dedication to duty and loyalty to family.*

*I send my prayers for his celebration with Kind Providence.*

*Ray Houston, Sylvester, GA*

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**George "Ray" Houston** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

CE

“ I was sorry to hear about your dad. You are what you are today because of such loving parents, you were fortunate. I will always remember how good they were to me when I moved to Sylvester to start coaching, I am a better person having known them. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Bub and Elayne

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**Coach Denham and Elayne** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JG

“ Tommy, we just learned that Thomas died. We are sorry for your loss. We always loved your mother and daddy. They were fine citizens, and your biggest supporters. You and your family have our deepest sympathy. Love and prayers, Emily & Joel

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**Joel and Emily Gunnells** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

BB

“ Tommy,  
  
I am sorry for your loss.

*Barbara*

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**Barbara Thomas Bomes** - March 22, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JP

“ John served for many years on the Board of Directors with Thomas. Your family is in our prayers.

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**John Mack and Deb Park** - December 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM