



## Thomas Howard Edwards

December 26, 1948 - January 29, 2024

Thomas Howard Edwards, 75, passed away Monday, January 29, 2024, with family by his side.

Tom was born December 26, 1948, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Jack and Jeanne Edwards. Tom grew up in Tucker, Georgia. He loved being a Tucker Tiger so much that he taught his wife, Vicki, the fight song.

Tom gave his life to the Lord on December 31, 1972. Tom was a graduate of Georgia State University and began his career in broadcasting at WTWA in Thomson, Georgia before surrendering his life to the gospel ministry. Tom received his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tom's life was marked with a dedication to Jesus Christ. The old hymn "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" would serve as Tom's theme song. Tom served as a pastor in Shelby, Montana, which is not the end of the world, but you can see it from there, as well as DeKalb, Texas, Camden, Arkansas, and finally at Ramah First Baptist in Palmetto, Georgia. After serving as a pastor, Tom was called to be a Director of Missions for the South-Central Association of Southern Baptists in Kansas.

Tom loved the Lord, life, and people. Tom was rarely seen without a smile on his face and loved to tell "dad" jokes. He was a thinker who loved to read, as well as write poetry. He loved Celtic music and all things Scotland. If slide shows are allowed in heaven, he'll be showing everyone his trip to Scotland. Tom is survived by his wife, Vicki Lynn Elrod Edwards, his son, Rusty

Edwards, his daughter-in-law, Leslie Edwards, his grandchildren, Landry, John Henry, and Will Edwards, his brother, Jackson Edwards, his sister-in-law, Sherry Golden, and brother-in-law, Ronnie Golden.

He was preceded in death by his son, Cory Edwards, and his sister Tina Edwards Johnson.

Tom especially will be remembered for his love of the Lord and preaching and studying God's Word. Although his passing has left a huge hole in the lives of all that he encountered, we know that there was a massive celebration in heaven for this good and faithful servant.

A service to celebrate Tom's life will be February 16th at 2:00 PM at Newnan First Baptist Church, with visitation at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gideons or Newnan First Baptist.

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration Of Life**

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Newnan First Baptist Church  
15 W. Washington Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Howard Edwards



Parrott Funeral Home - February 12, 2024 at 11:16 AM

JE

“ I remember tom when he was pastor at ramah i liked him from the start he was streatfoward. And true.

Jerrygibby - April 24, 2024 at 04:32 AM

CF

“ Bro Tom was such a blessing to our family as he served at Ramah FBC! Praying for Mrs Vicki, Rusty and family!  
Jason and Cindy Fields

Cindy Fields - February 15, 2024 at 09:28 PM

SW

“ Pastor Tom and Mrs. Vicki were the best pastor and wife duo I have ever had in my life. What wonderful people. So happy for him that he is finally reunited with his son. Sad for those left behind. Prayers for you, Mrs. Vicki and family.

Shirlanne H. Jernigan W. - February 15, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ 65 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - February 12, 2024 at 11:05 AM

RL

“ *Bro Tom was always there to encourage me as a pastor. His laugh was very contagious. So was his love for the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with Vicki and the family. When the time comes for my home coming I so look forward to meeting with him again!*

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**Ryan Lewis** - February 05, 2024 at 11:05 AM

BS

“ *So thankful that Brother Tom and his family were called to DeKalb in my formative years at FBC. We grew up right down the street and spent many a happy time with the Edwards family at church and outside of church. He definitely made an impact on the community, the church and my family.*

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**Brett Smith** - February 04, 2024 at 02:50 PM

RG

“ Tom Edwards was a genuinely, wonderful person. He was my and my wife’s favorite pastor we have sat under AND had the pleasure of calling a good friend. There was no pretension, no “putting on of airs”, or white-washing. What you saw and what you got was Tom Edwards. I am grateful that our paths crossed. My life is better having known this fine servant of God and man.

Robert Gunnels - February 03, 2024 at 11:35 PM

MF

“ I was heartbroken when I heard the news of his passing. He was the BEST pastor and friend to us at FBC DEKALB. I hardly ever saw him that he didn’t have a huge smile on his face. He loved the Lord , his family and his church family. I couldn’t help but smile just imagining his reunion with Cory and being in the arms of his Savior. As the song says I CAN ONLY IMAGINE! Thanks Bro. Tom and Vicki for the memories we will always cherish of y’all. I love you both dearly and praying for you Vicki, Rusty, family and countless others. May God give you all comfort, peace and strength. 🙏  
With much love, Michelle Flanery

Michelle Flanery - February 03, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Howard Edwards.



February 02, 2024 at 07:41 PM

BH

“Bro. Tom was a friend, mentor, and superb pastor to me and so many others, and he was a great leader through each challenging situation in DeKalb. He humbly considered others better than himself and truly listened with an open mind and a non-judgmental heart unless the conversation went against Scripture, of course. My family and I are greatly blessed to have known him and his whole family. I cannot be sad for Tom now, but I have shed a tear for Landry, John Henry, and Will. I know they will miss him immensely. He was so proud of all three (especially their trust in Jesus) that it was impossible to get a word in edgewise when he started talking about them. That is the way it should be. May God bless you all. Thank you, God, for sending him our way.

Blake & Lynn Hodges - February 01, 2024 at 07:40 PM

DH

Oh yes, I love “thank you God for sending him our way”. Thanks too for Vicki & the boys. They were dear friends as well as faithful servants to De Kalb. I remember a favorite song of Brother Tom’s was GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS. He knows it fully now. Prayers of love for comfort and strength for us who remain. Jesus gives us His Hope because He said, “ I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE”. May this message go forth as we remember & celebrate Tom Edward’s life on earth, and even more so his presence now with his Savior & LORD 🙏!!  
May God’s grace abound to Tom Edwards and his family&friends!  
We love Tom & Vicki Edwards family. Thanks for the memories 😊!!  
George & Donna Hutson Family

Donna Hodges Hutson - February 03, 2024 at 10:03 AM

SF

Fond memories of the Edwards family and ours visiting and laughing together. What a blessing they were as they arrived in DeKalb from Montana with their love for GOD and community intact. Love & Blessings to Vicki, Rusty, and family 🙏  
Pam & Mike Smith

Smith Family - February 04, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Thomas Howard Edwards.



February 01, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ Tom was a wonderful man, he will be greatly missed. God Bless You All  
Hillside Baptist Wellington Ks

Hillside Baptist Church - February 01, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ Bro Tom and Vicki...two of the most sweetest people that we've crossed paths with. Genuine hearts, genuine love for others. Beautiful love for the Lord. Bless you Vicki in your loss. You and your family are in our prayers

Bett Kathy Neff - January 31, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ We will miss our great friend in Christ, Bro. Tom. So thankful to have served with him and Vicki in their ministry here in Georgia. He blessed us with his ministry and his friendship. Always a joy to visit with him and Vicki. Our love and prayers for Vicki and Rusty and Leslie and boys.

Geary and Sue Brogden

Geary Brogden - January 31, 2024 at 03:11 PM



*The world would be a better place if more like him!*

**Mike Gibby** - February 03, 2024 at 11:33 AM

KH

“*Bro. Tom was one of the Most AMAZING MEN EVER ❤️ He was like a Daddy to me. I stayed with him and Ms. Vickie while Mom and Dad was out of town and made SOOOO MANY FUN MEMORIES ❤️ One thing that has ALWAYS STUCK WITH ME that Bro. Tom would say is “Keep your bags packed and your ticket punched, because you never know when The Lord will be ready for you!” He also married Robbie and I on April 16, 1994. One of the GREATEST DAYS of my life. Ms. Vicki also help on my wedding day and I LOVE THEM SO SO MUCH ❤️*

**Kyann McKeehan Hines** - January 31, 2024 at 02:39 PM

CR

“*We have many happy memories from the time Brother Tom and Vicki were at First Baptist in Shelby Montana. Our kids were the same age. Vicki led Bible studies I attended and learned a lot in. We are saddened to hear of his passing, but we have a hope in Jesus in seeing him again. He sparked a desire in my heart to seek a personal relationship with God and led me in a prayer to give my life to Christ many years ago. Love and hugs to Vicki and Rusty and family.*

**Cheri and Glenn Robertson** - January 31, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CN

“ We loved and learned so much from Tom. One of the saddest days for us is when Tom and Vicki left Kansas. We are so Thankful they got to spend these years with their family but our hearts missed them. I just loved his laughter.. So Blessed to have known Tom and be under his teaching and preaching.. Gary and Cheryl Nace

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**Cheryl Nace** - January 31, 2024 at 02:17 PM

PN

“ The Nix family cannot thank Bro. Tom and the Ramah FBC family enough for providing the parsonage for us to live in for 10 months when we were displaced from our home in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Bro. Tom was so kind and caring as a pastor and a friend and was like a grandfather to our daughters during that challenging time in our lives. We are praying for your family in your loss.

*Dr. Preston Nix, Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary*

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**Preston Nix** - January 31, 2024 at 02:11 PM

KH

“ We are praying for you and your family as you celebrate Tom's remarkable life and the memories you shared. We will always cherish the positive influence that you all had on our lives at Ramah. We look forward to seeing Tom in Heaven and once again enjoying his kind smile and jovial spirit.

*Ken & Lisa Hearn*

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**Ken and Lisa Hearn** - January 31, 2024 at 02:01 PM

TB

“ I always enjoyed seeing Tom at the meetings in Topeka with state staff and DOM's. He was a joy to be around. His love for Jesus and his love for his brothers and sisters will be missed.

Tim Boyd - January 31, 2024 at 12:46 PM

AS

“ Pastor Tom- you were there in guidance, prayer and support for me during some very happy times in my life as well as some hard times! While you will be missed here on Earth , your smile and your legacy will live on in our memories! You will be missed! My thoughts and prayers go out to Vicky and the family for peace and comfort! We will see you again!

Alicia Shaw - January 31, 2024 at 12:29 PM

FK

“ From Family at FBC, Belle Plaine, Ks purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Thomas Howard Edwards.



From Family at FBC, Belle Plaine, Ks - January 31, 2024 at 12:16 PM

AS

“ Pastor Tom, you will be greatly missed! You were there for me with prayer, guidance and support through many happy times in my life and some of my hardest times! Your legacy will live on forever in my great memories of you and your support! You will be missed, but we will see you again one day! Thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort to Vicki and the family!

Alicia Shaw - January 31, 2024 at 12:12 PM

LG

“ I will always hold the friendship and brotherhood I had with Tom in my heart

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**Larry Gilmore** - January 31, 2024 at 12:07 PM

RW

“ Tom you were like a father to me. You baptized me. You prayed for me. You prayed with me. You showed up for me during the darkest of seasons. This is a profound loss. I will miss you tremendously and I will love you forever. Praying without ceasing for Vicki and family. I love you all.

Ray

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**Ray Weatherholt** - January 31, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MH

“ Tom will be greatly missed. He was a faithful servant and greatly impacted those he served. Sending our love to Vicki, Rusty, Leslie, and the boys❤️

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**Mandy & Wes Hardin** - January 31, 2024 at 11:20 AM