



## George Thomas Hughes

June 19, 1956 - July 28, 2025

George Thomas Hughes, a man of generosity, kindness, wisdom and a sharp wit passed away on June 28, 2025 at his residence in Cullman at age 69, leaving behind a legacy of goodness and love. Tom lived with the heart of a saint—honest, humble, and always ready to help others. He spoke ill of no one, and none could speak ill of him. He went out of his way for others, always extending kindness, even when it went unreturned. His endless patience and wise words left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

He held his family close and had a special place in his heart for animals, treating them with a gentle care that showed his love for all living things. His faith in Christ sustained him, granting him strength during a courageous battle with cancer, where he never complained or pitied himself. Instead, he cherished every moment spent with his family, especially under his daughter's loving care.

He was preceded in death by his parents Cecil and Eunice Hughes; siblings, Jesse, David, Toby, Michael and John Hughes; and Carolyn Giolito. Survivors include his daughter, Melanie (Brad) Nipper; grandson, Derek (Katelyn) Straw; great grandchildren, Eleanor & Elizabeth Straw; siblings, Ellen Nassar, Linda Finnen, Sandra Galbreath, Deborah Tucker, and Samuel Hughes; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

If you wish to make a donation in his honor please donate to the Greater Birmingham Humane Society.

A memorial in his honor will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ I have the fondest memories of my Uncle Tom. I can see him now with that sweet gentle smile and calm presence and at the same time hear his witty humor when it was so very necessary. There was never a pup that would ever go without as long as there was Uncle Tom. There was never a family member who had a need that would go without. I can just imagine the reunion that was had in Heaven when my angel of a Granny met her Thomasina again. I'm sure she was at the Gates of Glory saying, "There's the Boy". How lucky I have been to have had the family I have had.  
Melanie I am so very sorry baby. You just hold tight to Jesus and your babies.  
God Bless our family.  
Love, Lauren

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**Anna Weingarten** - August 03, 2025 at 05:08 PM

AR

“ Uncle Tom was an exceptional man. He was the absolute funniest person that I ever had the privilege of knowing. He was kind and never new a stranger. He will be greatly missed.

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**Amy Reno** - August 01, 2025 at 09:50 AM

BG

“ My Uncle Tom was a kind and gentle soul. He will be greatly missed, and remembered fondly and often.

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**Brandi Nassar Gardner** - August 01, 2025 at 09:22 AM

VF

“ I loved Uncle Tom. A memory I have of him is when Papa passed away he patted me on the back and gave me a tissue . Although he was upset he still took time to try to help. Good memories of him.

Valerie Falkner - July 31, 2025 at 07:23 PM

VH

“ Venus Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of George Hughes



Venus Hughes - July 31, 2025 at 07:21 PM

VH

“ Tucker will forever be in my heart and thoughts as one of the kindest men ever created by God. Tom was a very special man, loved, and respected by so many. RIP Tom. Venus

Venus Hughes - July 31, 2025 at 07:04 PM

VH

“ Venus Hughes lit a candle in memory of George Hughes



Venus Hughes - July 31, 2025 at 06:55 PM

VJ

“ Tom Hughes was a wonderful person and Uncle. I did not see him as much as I would have liked... but life is just that way. He painted every house I ever owned and always gave me the "family" discount.

Uncle Tom was so caring and compassionate; during one conversation with him, we both cried over the loss of one of his dogs. And now that I think about it I often times I did not see Tom without seeing Tony. Uncle Tom always had a kind word to say and a sweet smile that I will never forget. I will miss him.

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**Vicki Hughes Jefferson** - July 31, 2025 at 06:05 PM

TO

“ Tom & my mom were married over 20 years, he was a big part of our lives. I don't know many who knew him that didn't receive some type of help from Tom. Anyone who would take in dogs off the streets like he would you know is a good person with a big heart. I know his family will miss his presence daily. My heart goes out to you all.

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**Toni Owens** - July 31, 2025 at 05:30 PM

SG

“ Tom was my brother and he was exceptional in that he gave help to individuals that were not in a position to return the favor. He loved his family and was always ready to help in any way possible. His obituary as written is true---he helps others without regard for what they could do for him.

I will be making a contribution in his name to the Birmingham Humane Society as that is the best way to honor his memory. I would bet that Tom saved over 100 dogs in his lifetime---he even picked them up off the interstate. His family loves him and will miss him dearly.

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**Sandy Galbreath** - July 30, 2025 at 07:52 PM

JG

“ *My Uncle Tom has been a man of men. Never heard a harsh word, never a complaint of his own problems. Uncle Tom has always demonstrated he is an old soul that tempered kindness to man and to beast. Never mattered to him of your faults, but sought a way to help and took no boast. We lost a good one, kind, considerate and genuine compassion. Uncle Tom will be missed...*

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**Jeepster gypsy** - July 30, 2025 at 07:37 PM