



Thomas Goodrum

December 29, 1942 - May 14, 2020

Thomas Eugene Goodrum passed away at age 77 Thursday, May 14, 2020 at his home in Cumming, GA.

Born on December 29, 1942, he was the son of Horace Willis Goodrum and Sarah Caldwell Goodrum of Cornelius, NC. After high school, he served in the NC National Guard out of Mooresville. He was active in the community and was a member of the Jaycee's. His work ethic was prevalent through his work at Ford Tractor, then Crane Carrier, and finally Eaton Corporation until he retired in 2006. After retiring, he worked for Lazer Spot Trucking part-time for 10 more years.

He enjoyed his dogs, classic cars, watching NASCAR, and working in the yard. He also enjoyed being a Pop to his eight grandchildren and loved to spend time with his family.

In addition to his parents, Thomas is preceded in death by his sister Barbara Ann Goodrum, his brother Clark Goodrum, and his wife of 51 years Jacqueline Lynn Riley Goodrum.

He is survived by son Christopher Eugene Goodrum (Kristi Goodrum) of Mt. Mourne, NC, son Dustin Willis Goodrum (Amy Goodrum) of Shelby, NC, daughter Melanie Goodrum Tremonti (Dennis Tremonti) of Cumming, GA and Holly Goodrum Stephan (Luke Stephan) of Cumming, GA. His grandchildren are Abbey Goodrum, Kelby Goodrum, Colt Goodrum, Casey Goodrum, Ella Tremonti, Hunter Tremonti, Maddox Stephan, and Isla Stephan.

The family extends their sincerest appreciation to the wonderful staff of Inspire Hospice and Palliative Care for the compassionate, loving care they gave to him at home.

There will be a graveside service at Bethel Presbyterian Church Monday, May 18 at 10 am for family only. The service will be streamed online.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Humane Society of Forsyth County at 4440 Keith Bridge Rd, Cumming, GA 30041 or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery

19920 Bethel Church Rd
Cornelius, NC 28031

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Cornelius, NC 28031

Tribute Wall

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Don - May 18, 2020 at 07:01 PM

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JR and Thomas young soldiers

Don - May 18, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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Don - May 18, 2020 at 06:59 PM

AC

“ Prayers for your family. I remember your Dad as a young newlywed, when my first cousin Jackie, brought him home to meet the family at our Mama Riley's on a Sunday afternoon. I was younger than them, but I thought he was the most handsome fella I ever saw! I always heard great things about him from family. I know he was happy to see Jackie again. Blessings to all of you! Ann Dellinger Craig (Alices daughter)

Ann Craig - May 18, 2020 at 05:28 PM

ES

“ We have been so blessed to know Thomas through our son who married Holly. We could not have asked for better people to be our sons in-laws. The Goodrums always made us feel like family and we loved going to their family functions as there was so much joy and happiness in their house. Thomas will be missed for so many reasons, he had a huge heart and his love for his children and grandchildren was apparent in everything he did! We will miss Thomas and love him dearly! Truly feel so blessed that we got to be a part of his life for even a short time!

Elizabeth Stephan - May 18, 2020 at 09:59 AM

HH

“ Chris, our prayers and thoughts are with you in the recent loss of your Dad. We're also remembering Christy in our prayers, along with Abbey and Kelby in the loss of their grandfather God be with you during this difficult time.

Halbert and Becky Horne

Halbert & Becky Horne - May 17, 2020 at 11:05 PM

JC

“ Mr. Goodman, You will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to meet and work with you. We had some Excellent Times during our Eaton Days and My Sincerest Apology for not staying in touch more and checking up on how you were doing. Our Heartfelt Condolences to Your Family and My Best when you see Wilbur, Ivan, Wayne P, Joe, Robert and all those who have gone on before. What a Reunion that's going to be!! Rest in Peace My Brother.

Jimmy and Cindy Carter

Jimmy Carter - May 17, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DK

“ Sincerest condolences to the family, Tommy will always remain in our hearts with fond Eaton memories of our time working together in the southeast region and his relentless efforts to bring life in the south a life long event for me and my family. God Bless you Tommy, you are in our thoughts and prayers, Don and Susan Kilfin.

Donald Kilfin - May 17, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MP

“ Dusty, Chris, Melanie & Holly,
I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I know it's been a long while since we've seen each other, but please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Michelle (Hinson) Pepper

Michelle Pepper - May 16, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CC

“ *I never met Tommy in person. I worked for the same company as he (Eaton). I did talk on the telephone with him many, many times. Each time it was a pleasant experience. I always enjoyed his calls and humorous personality.
My condolences to his family.
Cyril Coots
Henderson, Ky*

Cyril Coots - May 16, 2020 at 11:08 AM

JS

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J.D. Smith - May 15, 2020 at 07:41 PM

GS

“ *Tommy you will be missed. You were a great friend, husband, father and a terrific Eaton representative. RIP my friend.*

Gene Sollie

Gene Sollie - May 15, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JS

“ *I have so many great memories with Tommy that I can't just pick out one. Let me just say he was the best friend anyone could ever have! I can't think of a time when we were together, in a crowd, or just us, that he wasn't smiling or laughing! He was a hard working man, a great husband, and a great father. Years after Tommy retired, Meritor added Georgia to my District. I learned in a hurry just how much his customers loved and respected him. When they learned that I also worked at Eaton at one time, the very 1st question they would ask me, "Did you know Tommy Goodrum"? And I of course would say "Hell Yeah"! Then, many of them would follow up with, "Man, I can tell you some stories about ole Tommy"! And, I'd tell them, "For every story you have on Tommy, I have 5"! These of course are good stories and never anything bad. Well, I'm having a difficult time right now. I'm kicking myself for not going to see him more often. I wish I could have seen him one more time! I love you Tommy! R.I.P. my dear friend!*

J.D. Smith - May 15, 2020 at 07:00 PM

KB

“ Mr. Goodrum, you will be missed! You were always kind, funny, and frequently had a mischievous glint in your eyes. You loved to joke around with your family and friends. Thank you for raising such wonderful children. Two of them are my forever friends. I know they will miss you more than words can say. You are loved. God bless you. ❤️

Kelly Byrd - May 15, 2020 at 06:01 PM

DO

“ Tommy was a great friend and a wonderful guy to work with. Tommy loved his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all. R.I.P my friend.

David O'Kelley - May 15, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ we all have you in our thoughts and prayers we will be thinking of you all threw this time of need we are so sorry your loss we will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers threw this time... Vicki James and Rodney James



Victoria James - May 15, 2020 at 11:16 AM