



Thomas Ray McDaniel

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We write this tribute to honor the life and legacy of Thomas Ray McDaniel. Thomas was 71 years old when he passed on to his heavenly home. He was born to Leck and Charlie Mae McDaniel on May 15, 1953 and left us peacefully on September 13, 2024.

Thomas was a loyal, dependable, and kind-hearted man. He had a gregarious spirit that could fill a room with joy and laughter. He graduated from Bartlett High School and remained in Bartlett, TN, his entire life. Thomas worked at Plant Maintenance Service Corporation for over 52 years. He started as a floor sweeper, then a welder, which allowed him to lead as a company foreman many years later. Thomas served as a Shelby Youth Sports Coach for the Bartlett Panthers for over 20 years and inherited the title of secondary dad to many children in the program. He is a coach at heart and a motivator to many. When Thomas was not coaching or leading others, he spent his time fishing, hunting, golfing, and winning the World Championship BBQ cooking contests at Memphis in May. He always had opportunities to bring people together for fellowship and camaraderie and consistently did so.

Thomas's most significant accomplishment was the love and pride he had for his family. He adored his wife, Vicki McDaniel, whom he married at age 20, and their loving bond endured for 50 years. His love for his three children and grandchildren was boundless. Both sons followed in Thomas' footsteps as high school football coaches, and his daughter, inspired by his leadership, became a successful company owner and coach to many entrepreneurs. His legacy will live on through the generations of his family.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Leck and Charlie Mae McDaniel; father-in-law, Clyde Halstead; mother-in-law, Betty Ruth Halstead; brother-in-law, Nolan McAdams; and brother-in-law, Ed Lee.



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Thomas is survived by his wife, Vicki McDaniel, and their three children, Thomas McDaniel, Sarah Layson, and Mitch McDaniel. He was a proud father-in-law to Jessica McDaniel, Scott Layson, and Crystal McDaniel. Thomas adored his eight grandchildren: Dilan, Cadence, Emma Louise, Chance, Marlee, Vivian Rae, Ava Grace, and Pruitt. Thomas loved his sister Linda; his brothers and their wives Charles and Vicky, Richard and Rheba; Terry and Peggy, along with their children and grandchildren. Thomas held dear to his extended family: Betty Ann and Monty

Falls; Richard and Kim Halstead, along with their children and grandchildren.

The services will be held at First Assembly Memphis (8650 Walnut Grove) on Saturday, September 21, at 11:30 a.m. Graveside Services will follow at 1 p.m. at Memorial Park (5668 Poplar Ave). A reception will follow at Christian Brothers High School (5900 Walnut Grove) at 2 pm



Events


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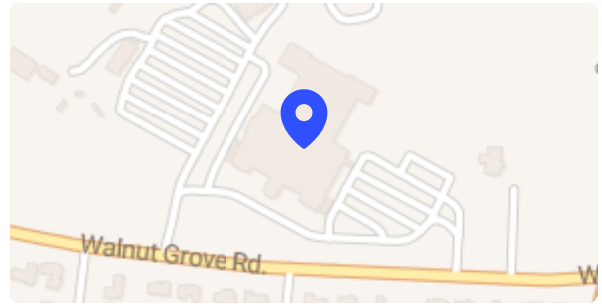
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 21, 2024


 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CT


 **First Assembly of God - Memphis**
8650 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis TN 38118

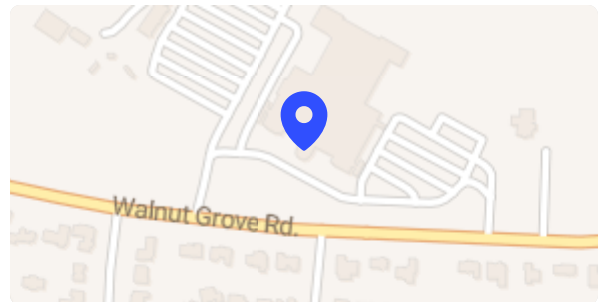


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, September 21, 2024

 11:30 AM CT

 **First Assembly of God**
8650 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis TN 38018





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Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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