



## THOMAS VARNON CALE

January 27, 2021

Thomas Varnon Cale, 69, died peacefully in his own home in Madison, Alabama on January 27, 2021, of a chronic cardiac condition.

Tommy was born in Baptist Hospital, Birmingham, on August 24, 1951 to Ruth Varnon Cale and Robert Torrance Cale, Sr. M.D.

Like his older brother before him, Tom was the Drum Major for the Hueytown High School marching band. He graduated cum laude from Birmingham-Southern College in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry. While in college, he was a member of several clubs and service organizations, and he was tapped for the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society. After deciding against a career in medicine, Tom earned his Master's degree in Computer Science at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He was a brilliant computer programmer and worked for many years at Intergraph in Huntsville.

His two great passions were ecumenical Christianity and Alabama Crimson Tide football. He possessed a phenomenal memory for details of specific plays in specific games, and could name the players and the scores of contests dating back to his childhood. Tom will now cheer for his beloved Tide from the highest of high bleachers, where he has a reserved front-row seat on the fifty-yard line.

Tommy enjoyed the company of a number of lady friends over the years, but he left no descendants, having successfully eluded matrimony and paternity. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, and he is survived by his only

sibling, Robert Torrance Cale, Jr. and Terry's family.  
A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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**Robert Cale** - May 26, 2021 at 09:08 AM

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**Robert Cale** - March 30, 2021 at 10:52 PM

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**Robert Cale** - February 26, 2021 at 01:04 PM

MM

“ I honor the memories of Tommy during the formative and magical years of Pittman Jr High School and Hueytown High School. We lost touch as everyone pursued their aspirations but I often go back to those times in a nostalgic sense and relive the good times. Tommy was an intelligent guy with strong honorable convictions. I have thought fondly of him and many others from times long ago. The Class of '69 will grow dim and fade but that is God's Plan as time marches on. I cherish the life and memories of Tommy Cale.

Mark L Barnard MD  
Golden Gophers Class of 69, a mere 50 years

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**Mark L Barnard MD** - February 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JW

I years next door to him out in Lakeview Estates.  
I last saw him at the lake  
Trying to find my brother. It was so good to talk to him. We discussed his heart problems then. He and Ruth his mom are together again. I have lots of good memories of Hueytown High school days. I am so sorry Terry that you lost Tom and your mom Ruth so close together. Praying for you.  
Juanita Williams  
Hueytown High school Class of 1971.

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**Juanita Williams** - March 31, 2021 at 03:30 PM

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**Robert Cale** - February 14, 2021 at 10:24 AM

ER

“ Please accept my care and thoughts at this most difficult time. I did not know you or your Brother but your Dad, Dr Cale was my physician when I lived in Hueytown many years ago. I so enjoyed reading about the full life your Brother lived! God Bless you and your Family.

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**Edna M Ratliff** - February 09, 2021 at 06:34 PM

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**Robert Cale** - February 09, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DV

Thank you for adding this photo. Tommy was a friend from first through twelfth grade. He was always so very kind to everyone. Have many fond memories of Tommy and Wayne Haden. And then Tommy in junior n high school in almost every class together. Your Mother was always so thoughtful and my Mother enjoyed her too. Prayers for all the family. DeborAh Barrentine Vines.

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**Deborah Barrentine Vines** - February 09, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JC

I treasure the memories I have of Tommy growing up...so much fun to be around, warm, engaging smile, so clever, playful, a loyal friend...I will miss you dear cousin.

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**John Cospers** - February 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM