



Thomas Edison Padgett

September 2, 1931 - June 30, 2016

Miles~Nobles Funeral Home and Crematory announces the services for Thomas Edison Padgett, Sr., age 84, who passed away Thursday, June 30, 2016 at his home after an extended illness under the care of Southern Care Hospice. He was born September 2, 1931, in Jeff Davis County to the late Luther P. and Georgianne Herrington Padgett. He was preceded in death by his brother J. L. Padgett and sisters, Evelyn Collins and Joyce Swain.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and was an educator for 40 years, having served as a principal in the Jeff Davis County school system for 25 years. He received his Education Specialist degree from Georgia Southern University, was a member of the Georgia Association of Educators, and the Appling County Retired Educators. Mr. Padgett was a devoted member of the Baxley First Baptist Church, where he served as a past deacon for several terms. Upon retirement he enjoyed working in his garden and sharing the vegetables with others. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was especially proud of his Padgett and Herrington heritage.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Brezinski Padgett of 54 years, three children, Pamela Johnson (Alton) of Baxley, Lynn Shambaugh (Scott) of Texas, and Tommy Padgett (April) of Tennessee; five granddaughters survive, Megan Taylor, Kylee Johnson, Katherine Gilbert, Emily Higgs, and Julia Higgs; three great-granddaughters: a niece, Karen Bowen (Tommy) of Baxley, and a nephew, Walt Swain (Beverly) of Hazlehurst.

Services will be held Sunday, July 3 at 2pm at Miles-Nobles Funeral Home with the Reverend Phil Warren, Reverend Robert Wigley, and Father Rafael Estrada officiating. Music will be provided by Reverend Phil Warren and Gail Carter.

Interment will follow in the Zoar Baptist Cemetery with Military Honors.

A prayer/rosary service will be held Saturday, July 2 at 5:45pm with visitation following from 6-8pm at the funeral home.

Pallbearers include Johnny Padgett, Randall Herrington, Tommy Bowen, Walt Swain, Charles Hart, Ryan Gilbert, MD, and Scott Shambaugh.

Honorary Pallbearers include his prior staff at Jeff Davis Elementary/Middle

Schools and Retired Educators of Appling County.

Friends and family may sign the online guest book at milesnobles.com.

Miles~Nobles Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Thomas Edison Padgett, Sr.

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Charles (Butch) Lail lit a candle for



Charles (Butch) Lail - September 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My dear old childhood friend Joyce...Just want to let you know that I am thinking of you. I send my sympathy and thoughts and prayers.

Ann Hinely Snyder - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I had the privilege of being a student at Jeff Davis Middle School when Mr. Padgett was principal there. He was a wonderful man . Firm but fair. He always had a spring in his step. No words can relay the sorrow I feel for the family's loss. Praying for your strength at this sad time. God bless each and every one of you.

Karen Purvis - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Joyce, Pam, Lynn, &TommyWe are so sorry to learn of Edison's passing. Our family has never had better friends than the Padgetts. In addition to being an exceptional educator, he was one of the most honorable men I have known. We pray that God's grace and mercy will sustain and strengthen each of you in the days ahead. Please know you remain in our prayers.God bless you.

Joe & Becky Pritchard - July 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Padgett. He was such a wonderful man, teacher and friend to all. He will be missed by all. Jack and Marianne McMillan, Appling County High School, Class of 1966

Jack and Marianne McMillan - July 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Melba Herrington lit a candle for



Melba Herrington - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Padgett 's passing. He is the principal that hired me when I started teaching 28 years ago. I loved him and admire his leadership. He leaves many memories with me working under his guidance. I will be in prayer for your family. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the service due to being out of town but please know that Mr. Padgett was a wonderful principal to work under.

Gwen Snipes - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Pam, so sorry to hear about your daddy. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time.

Janet E. Carter - July 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM