



Thomas Dean Edwards

January 15, 1935 - November 8, 2019

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mr. Thomas Dean Edwards, 84, passed away Friday, November 8, 2019, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS. Visitation will be Monday, November 11, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home. Interment will be at Shiloh Cemetery (31 CR 429, Oxford, MS 38655). Bro. David Blackwell and Bro. Don Shaffer will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Edwards was born January 15, 1935, in the Denmark community to Aubrey and Idell Black Edwards. He retired as an employee of the Physical Plant Dept. of the University of Mississippi, with 26 years of service. After serving 4 years in the United States Air Force, he joined the Mississippi Air National Guard. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant with a total of 31 years of service.

He was an active member of Union West Baptist Church, and the Tula Senior Citizen's Group. He also served as a trustee with the 509th Bomb Wing Association for several years.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife of 51 years, Melba Edwards, of Oxford,

MS; his daughter, Hope (Joey) Gardner of Oxford; two sons, Shawn (Kathy) Edwards of Taylor, MS, and Keith (Meredith) Edwards of Oxford; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Edwards was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey and Idell Black Edwards; one son, Jimmy Edwards; and two brothers, Billy Gene Edwards and Jack Keith Franklin.

In honor of Mr. Edwards' service to our country, the flag of the United States Air Force will be flown the days of his services.

Donations and memorials in honor of Mr. Thomas Dean Edwards may be made to The Gideons International, Yalobusha Camp (P.O. Box 143, Water Valley, MS 38965) and American Cancer Society ([donate3.cancer.org](https://www.donate3.cancer.org)).

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

CR 429
Oxford, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford
601 Commerce Parkway
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Funeral Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GL

“ Melba , words can not express the feelings I have right now over the loss of Tommy. We've shared a lot of great times at the 509th reunions over the past several years and have become very good friends.

*My Love and Prayers to you and family,
Gretchen*

Gretchen Lance - November 11, 2019 at 04:03 PM

LD

“ Thomas Dean was a wonderful person. He will surely be missed by his many friends. Our sympathy and condolences go to his family.
Lynda Maples Davis and Delane Davis

Lynda Davis - November 11, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Dean Edwards.



November 11, 2019 at 10:36 AM

JM

“ Melba and family, I was saddened to see the news of Tommy. He will be missed by all who knew him. Your entire family will be in my prayers. God will be with you.

Jane Michelletti

Jane Michelletti - November 11, 2019 at 09:30 AM

JA

“ *Mrs. Melba Edwards & Family,*

Your Love one will be Missed

Good people will be remembered as a blessing ... Proverbs 10:7

You have lost someone who will always be remembered as a wonderful

influence in this world

With Deepest Sympathy & Condolence

John & Maria "Tessie" Ashe

John Ashe - November 11, 2019 at 12:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Dean Edwards.*



November 10, 2019 at 04:32 PM

JT

“ It is with great sadness that we learned that the world has lost another great warrior, friend, 509th member and American. We go all the way back to Pease AFB, in 1958, on B-47's. It was many years later that we reunited during our 509th Bomb Wing reunions, and had many great times at all the different places where we had the reunions. There was never a shortage of conversations or war stories to be had. We always visited the local sites and had some good food to eat regardless of where we were.

Tomorrow is Veterans day, and you will be in thoughts and prayers.

We will think of you often, and never forget the great times together

*Sincerely,
Nelda, Hoss, and Jimmy*

JAMES TRAMMELL - November 10, 2019 at 04:08 PM

TA

“ On behalf of the 509 veterans association we wish everyone in the family well. We will miss you at the reunions.ted Cloud Pres/t

Ted cloud pres 509th vet asso - November 10, 2019 at 01:12 PM

SH

“ Prayers for you MsMelba and family . We will miss mr Tommy a very sweet man we just loved him . Loved to hear that jolly laugh. Will remember our times at meals at union west love yall

sandra hipps - November 09, 2019 at 07:44 PM

DP

“ Thomas Dean was a special friend. We love all of you and are praying for comfort and peace. I think of him singing “One Day at a Time.”

Donna Patton - November 09, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Dean Edwards.



November 09, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Dean Edwards.



November 09, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ I was blessed to meet Mr. Edwards son Keith Edwards through our love and passion for the outdoors. I was invited to hunt with Keith's family and friends for the last few years. Mr. Edward's hunted with us and shared the dinner table at the fish fry and get togethers at those hunts. He was a kind man and I could tell quick that he had spent alot of time with his sons in the outdoors. I want the Edward's family to know that I was blessed to know their Dad I consider Keith and Shawn as my Brothers and want them to know they are in our prayers at this most Difficult time. Love you guys

Scott Sharp - November 09, 2019 at 03:20 PM

EW

“ *Melba and family,
So sorry for your loss. I always remember and appreciate how kind
he was to me and both your presence when my sister died. Got
bless and comfort you.*

Ellen Coleman Weaver - November 09, 2019 at 01:06 PM

SB

“ *I remember the fun we had on all those Band trips. Prayers for his
family Sandy & Wayne Bishop*

sandy bishop - November 09, 2019 at 12:52 PM