



Thomas Halton Walman

December 9, 1943 - April 4, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Thomas Halton Walman was born in McComb, MS on December 9th, 1943. The Lord welcomed him Home April 4th, 2026.

The family will receive friends on Monday, April 13, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. A memorial service honoring his life will be held immediately following the visitation, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel.

In addition to the services in Oxford, the family will receive friends in Tommy's hometown of McComb, MS, on Monday, April 20, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at JJ White Presbyterian Church, with a memorial service commencing immediately following the visitation at 11:00 a.m in the church sanctuary.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jane Magruder Walman, and their cherished daughter Katherine Alexis Cordell, along with his grandsons, the pride of old age: Bradley Alan Cordell and David Thomas Cordell. He is survived by cousins who seemed more like brothers: Ken Nelson, Rick Dickerson, and Dallas Dickerson, and the extended Dickerson Clan of grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as his brother in law, Dan

(Ginger) Magruder and sister in law Kate (David) Lambeth and their families.

He is preceded in death by his son, Leslie Alan Walman, and also by his mother, Dorothy Dickerson Jones, his grandmother, Ella Jane Johnston Dickerson and grandfather Thomas Purvis Dickerson.

Tommy graduated McComb High School in 1962, and entered Ole Miss that fall finding a whole new set of brothers in Sigma Nu Fraternity. His undergraduate degree was from the School of Public Administration. He could not have known then that his life would be dedicated to service in providing good governance.

He received his Juris Doctor degree from Ole Miss in 1966, having served as Treasurer of Sigma Nu, a member of the ASB Judicial Council, and on the Moot Court Board. He was a member of ODK Leadership fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

Upon graduating he joined the FBI, producing the only “top hood” conviction in his Gary, Indiana office. In 1972 he returned to McComb to practice law, serving as City Attorney for McComb and Summit from 1972 to 1992. He was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1976.

Always a strong supporter of Public Education, he worked with Governor Winter, serving as Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee and Chairman of the interim study committee that produced and led in the passage of the Education Reform Act of 1982. He was also the Chairman of the Municipalities Committee, and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Governor Winter appointed him to the Southern Regional Education Board, and Governor Maybus appointed him to the Public Education Forum of Mississippi.

In 1992 he returned to the private practice of law and was elected Mayor of

McComb in 2003 in time to meet the challenges from Katrina which also shattered McComb in 2005. During the Katrina recovery, in 2006 he joined the staff of Governor Haley Barbour as Housing Policy Director, and then as head of the community revitalization division of the Mississippi Development Authority. In total he guided the expenditures of more than \$5 billion dollars provided by the Federal Government for the rebuilding work that included city and county public buildings along the Gulf Coast as well as grants for the rebuilding of the arts such as the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum in Biloxi.

After Katrina and in retirement in 2011 he joined FEMA part time as Disaster Assistant Employee/Intergovernmental Specialist for recovery of a tornado in Birmingham, AL and recovery from Hurricane Isaac in Mississippi. Governor Tate Reeves appointed Tommy to the Mississippi Home Corporation Board of Directors, where he served from 2016 to 2018.

He strongly respected and supported the thousands of folks from small towns to the federal government level who devote their lives to public service. He felt honored to be numbered among them.

In lieu of traditional flowers, the family requests that donations first be given to Children's of Mississippi Hospital by clicking on the following link <https://umc.edu/Development/Give-Now.html> or, alternatively to <https://www.stjude.org/>

The staff at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is honored to serve the family during this challenging season of life. Condolences may be expressed online on his Tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford
601 Commerce Parkway
Oxford, MS 38655
(662) 234-3900
info@colemanfuneralhome.com
<https://www.colemanfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Halton Walman



Coleman Funeral Home - April 09 at 03:54 PM

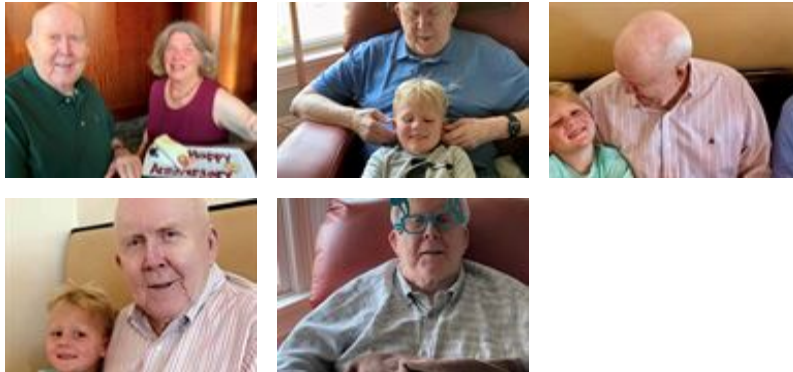
AB

“ Sending you love and prayers. Some of my favorite memories of MS are when Tommy came to visit us at Pappy and Mammie's. Love Alex

Alexandra King Bowen - April 15 at 09:58 AM



“ 118 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home - April 10 at 04:35 PM

MB

“ Marjorie and Beau purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Halton Walman.



Marjorie and Beau - April 07 at 01:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Halton Walman.



April 07 at 10:53 AM

DW

“ Sending our deepest condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time. Tom lived a life of service and love for mankind. He will be missed 🙏
The Waterman Family

Deborah Waterman - April 07 at 08:39 AM

LG

Jane, I send my sincere sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. Believe me—I know how difficult this is. I wish God's peace on you.
Lorraine B Gayden

Lorraine B Gayden - April 08 at 10:13 AM

SD

“ *When I was a nervous freshman at Ole Miss, Tommy and Jane invited me to dinner at the Holiday Inn. I was overwhelmed with their kindness and genuine hospitality. Since then, Tommy and Jane have always shown that same interest to hundreds of people to support and encourage. Tommy Walman epitomizes public service. I am proud to call him brother and friend. Rest in peace, my friend.*

Sam Daniel - April 06 at 11:58 PM