



Tyler Cummings

December 30, 1979 - July 19, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

John Tyler Cummings, 43, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away on the morning of July 19, 2023, following emergency heart surgery with major complications.

Tyler was born on December 30, 1979 to Gery and Bettie Cummings in Morristown, New Jersey. Tyler graduated from Randolph High School before returning to Mississippi where he earned his Bachelors of Arts in English Language and Literature (2002) and Masters of Arts in Secondary Education Teaching (2007) from Mississippi State University. Tyler worked in DeSoto County Schools for 10 years and earned his Education Specialist in Leadership and Administration from Arkansas State University (2015). In 2017, Tyler joined School Status, LLC to continue his support of education as an Education Training and Customer Success Manager.

In addition to his passion for education, Tyler habitually ran marathons, training for his favorite annual race supporting St. Jude Cancer Research Hospital. He was an avid reader, an admirer of nature, and a strong supporter of everyone in his life. Tyler enjoyed spending time with his family and exploring the world with them. He passed his love of learning to his children, and they would often trade facts as they walked together as a family. Tyler and Connor would cook together, and Tyler loved teaching him to work through a

process, as well as cheering him on in all his athletic achievements. Tyler and Bettie enjoyed reading and learning together and shared these times early in the morning before the rest of the family joined them.

Tyler is survived by his wife, Michelle; son, Connor; and daughter, Bettie, in addition to his mother, Bettie Cummings; brother, Brent Cummings (wife, Laura, and their daughters, Emily and Meredith); and sister, Katie Cummings Chustz (husband, Jamie, and their sons, Steven and Sam); as well as numerous extended family members and Michelle's family who cherished him.

Tyler was predeceased by his father, Gery Cummings.

A celebration of Tyler's life will be held on Saturday, July 22, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of Maples Memorial United Methodist Church. Visitation will be one hour prior in Wesley Hall. Reverend Kerry Powell and Reverend John Sudduth will officiate.

In lieu of sending flowers, the family asks that you please consider donating to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org), running as a St. Jude hero, or supporting your local blood bank. Tyler received many forms of life sustaining blood products and was a lifetime blood donor himself.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maples Memorial United Methodist Church
8745 Goodman Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

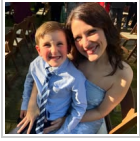
In Wesley Hall

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ I am so saddened by the news of his passing. He was the best teacher. The world won't be the same without him in it. My heart breaks for the family.

Morgan Herzog - July 25, 2023 at 09:32 PM

KT

“ I had Mr. Cummings when he first arrived at DCHS as a temp, then the next year was excited to have him as my English teacher. He was very funny and a great person. I'm still impressed with how dedicated of a person he was while teaching, he drove to Starkville twice a week to finish his Master's degree. I don't remember too many teachers I had through school, but I'll never forget Mr. Cummings. I'm so sorry that this earth lost a great person.

Kim Theis - July 24, 2023 at 12:51 PM

SE

“ I am having a terrible time trying to put together the words to express my feelings about the passing of Tyler. I enjoyed working alongside him as a tech coach. His positive energy and great ideas always sparked a fire within our team. After Tyler went to School Status and Michelle joined the team, it was always nice to still have a Cummings onboard. I have so many wonderful memories of trainings, conferences and pleasant dinners that I will treasure for the rest of my life. He touched so many lives and will be missed! Prayers for Michelle and the kids.

Shelby Elmore - July 23, 2023 at 02:24 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathies to Tyler's family. I only met him a few times but he left a lasting impression as a very intelligent, kind and humorous person. I am so very sorry for your loss. Sarah Sargent

Sarah Sargent - July 22, 2023 at 06:08 AM

SL

“ I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Cummings' death. He was my daughter's teacher in high school and she talked so fondly of him! He made an impact on her. I will pray for his wife and kids and the rest of his family. I am so very sorry.

Sandra Learned - July 21, 2023 at 11:16 PM

EB

“ I was heartbroken to hear this tragic news. I worked with Tyler in DCS and continued to see him from time to time in his role with SchoolStatus. Tyler was a kind and helpful soul and a joy to work with. Prayers to his family.

Emily Ballard - July 21, 2023 at 11:06 PM

VW

“ Mr. Cummings was one of my favorite teachers in high school. This is heartbreaking and I am incredibly sorry for all of the loved ones who are experiencing such grief. He was a soul that really touched everyone around him and lit up a room with everyone around. You will be missed and always cherished.

Victoria Wilegus - July 21, 2023 at 10:17 PM

CT

“ I remember being in Mr. Cummings’ class and either walking out laughing or challenged to think in a new way - he had a gift of doing both to students. Mrs. Cummings and their two children are in our prayers, and I hope they take comfort in knowing he is remembered by countless students and loved by many.

Caroline (Bickley) Taylor, DCHS c/o 2014

caroline taylor - July 21, 2023 at 09:50 PM

JG

“ I was lucky enough to teach with Tyler at DCHS for years. He was an absolutely incredible teacher and loved all his students. One of the funniest and coolest people I’ve ever worked with.....just a great person that would always stop what he was doing whenever a student or teacher needed something. So sad and will never be forgotten.

Jeremy Greenslade - July 21, 2023 at 09:49 PM

WH

“ Michelle, Connor, and Bettie I am so sorry for your loss. I always admired the beautiful family you are. There was so much love and joy amongst all of you. I pray God provides peace, comfort, and strength for you in the days to come. I also pray that your memories will help you get through your days. 🙏❤️

Wendy Hayes - July 21, 2023 at 09:41 PM

SD

“ Mr. Cummings was such a bright light in this world, and had such a love for education that poured out onto all of the students that were lucky enough to know him. I’m heart broken for this loss, and my prayers are with his family!

Sydney Davidson - July 21, 2023 at 09:08 PM

K(

“ I am heartbroken to hear of the passing of Mr. Cummings, one of my favorite high school teachers. He was such a good soul with a deep love for his family. I appreciate him being such a great educator and person. He won't be forgotten and will be deeply missed. My sincere condolences go out to his precious family.

Katie Kettler (Stewart) - July 21, 2023 at 08:35 PM

CR

“ I am so devastated to hear the passing of Mr. Cummings. He was such an amazing teacher and mentor. He made sure all of his students were heard and acknowledged. His wife was also my teacher, and I'm praying for her and their children. He will be so deeply missed in the DeSoto Central Family. His contribution to St. Jude was also so profound. I will remember him every time I open a book.

Caroline Reid - July 21, 2023 at 08:34 PM

BN

“ Mrs. Cummings, I am deeply saddened to hear of this and so sorry to your family. You were both so admired and respected by our class. I know he will be greatly missed as a father, husband, and educator. You're all in our thoughts and prayers.
Brenna Nowell, DCHS Class of 2015

Brenna Nowell - July 21, 2023 at 03:23 PM

RK

“ Rod and Dixie Knowles purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tyler Cummings.



Rod and Dixie Knowles - July 21, 2023 at 12:44 PM

HT

“ Remember Tyler after first day of kindergarten at Ironia school. Teacher was making sure all the students got on the bus and said we will see you tomorrow—Tyler said you won't be seeing me!!! Tyler knew this might not be as exciting as was promised! Tyler was an exceptional little boy and brought so many happy memories to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Wish God would have left him here longer all of us will feel the void now. God bless his family.

helen tobin - July 20, 2023 at 10:32 PM