



Charles Thomas "Tommy" Howle

November 10, 1944 - March 22, 2026

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life well lived, we announce the passing of Charles Thomas ("Tommy") Howle, a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, and faithful servant of the Lord, who entered into eternal rest on March 22, 2026, at the age of 81.

Born on November 10, 1944, in Anniston, Tommy was a man whose life reflected his unwavering faith in God and his steadfast love for his family. He was a man of integrity, humility, and quiet strength- someone who led not only with his words, but by his example.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Cathey Turner Howle; his brother, Kenneth Howle; and his three daughters: Amanda (Greg) Hollon and their children, Ashley Bobo, Amber Green, and Taylor Lackey; Karen Howle Hurst and her children, Jordan Smelley and Will Hurst; and Catherine (Shay) Jordan and their children, Bowman Thomas Jordan and Charleigh Cate Jordan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Aubrey Howle and Edna Preston Howle.

Tommy was the beloved husband of Cathey for 41 years. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, love, and commitment. A man of deep faith, Tommy loved the Lord wholeheartedly. Throughout his 81 years, he was proud to work for

Tractor and Equipment Company for 39 years, where he was known for his strong work ethic, honesty, and the respect he showed to everyone he encountered. Outside of work, he found great joy in farming, hunting, and the simple blessings of life - being at home and spending time with family on the farm.

The pallbearers will be Alan Preston, Steve Clowdus, Wayne Davis, Larry Watts, Shay Jordan, and Greg Hollon.

Honorary pallbearers are Guy's Guys Sunday School Class, Ronnie Preston, Ashley Truett, Marion Powers, Bryan Garrett, Roy Granger, Tommy Taylor, and Wayne Adams.

A celebration of his life will be held on March 24, 2026, at Meadowbrook Baptist Church of Oxford, with Bro. Trull Hill and Bro. Frederick Bueto officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m., with the service to follow at 12:00 p.m. A graveside service will follow at Heflin City Cemetery.

Though our hearts are broken, we rejoice in knowing that he is now in the presence of his Savior, hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Cemetery Details

Heflin City Cemetery

Blake Street
Heflin, AL 36264

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Meadowbrook Baptist Church
Oxford, AL

Service

MAR 24. 12:00 PM (cst)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ June Land Reaves lit a candle in memory of Charles Thomas "Tommy" Howle



June Land Reaves - March 29 at 02:22 PM

DB

“ Tommy was truly a great personal friend of mine for many years while we worked with Tractor & Equipment Company. He was very helpful in steering me in the right directions in dealing with people. He was always fair, honest and eager to assist me with any situation i had. Will truly miss him, The Lord has received a great servant to continue his cause.

Donnie Burgreen

Don Burgreen - March 23 at 01:04 PM

TS

“ Truly a Southern Gentleman with a kind and caring heart and a helping hand for all
Toni Swinford

Toni Swinford - March 23 at 12:53 PM

JH

I graduated with Tommy at Munford High School & can't not ever knowing him. He was always such a neat person. I only saw him mad once. In our senior year. He & I were chosen "Neatest" in Who's Who. The teacher that was posing us for pictures had a habit of the pictures being made opposite of what students were picked for. I wouldn't argue with her. She did something with my socks & something with my dress & asked Tommy to look disgusted at me. We talked about making her let us do it over but she wouldn't. Tommy was neat as a pin as usual & I was the one looking like I'd slept in my clothes. Everyone seeing the picture thought she was out of line & that was not something to joke around about. I still regret not standing my ground & refusing to follow her instructions. So many negative comments were made once the annuals arrived. Tommy was one of the nicest classmates I ever had even though both of us were truly neat freaks! I enjoyed him being at our class reunions over the years learning how life was treating him. I'll miss him if we ever get together again. Rest in peace my friend. Joan Freeman Howell Joan Freeman Howell

Joan Freeman Howell - March 23 at 08:00 PM

MS

I had the pleasure of knowing Tommy Howle as a client and friend for some 38 years. I always found Tommy to be a man of great integrity, a great business man who loved his work and loved his family. All the times I "dropped in" on Tommy he always had time to talk regardless of what the topic was. I know he loved his wife, his children, his work and his farm. He will be sorely missed.

Mike Shaddix - March 23 at 09:26 PM

CH

Mike, he really enjoyed our last meeting with you. Thank you for always being so kind. I'm in your neighborhood now probably because of our conversation that day.

Cathey

cathey Howle - March 30 at 09:30 AM