



## Edgar Warren Tomberlin

December 14, 1924 - December 13, 2023

Edgar Warren Tomberlin, just one day shy of 99 years old, joined his beloved wife, Rosa Lee on December 13, 2023. Ed was born on December 14, 1924 in Ashville, Florida to George Warren Tomberlin and Mary Richardson Tomberlin. Predeceased older brother Phillip Tomberlin and sisters Lucy Tomberlin Lloyd and Lennie Tomberlin were his guidons in character development. Ed is survived by son Warren Tomberlin, daughter Lucy Tomberlin Metz (Doug), grandchildren Katie Veal Davis (Justin), Kelli Veal Caputo (Shawn), Alex Tomberlin and Athena Tomberlin, great-grandchildren Owen Gray, Amelia Davis and Eli Davis, and honorary sons Cecil Hurst and Michael Atherton.

Ed served his country in the U.S. Army in Europe during WWII in a tank battalion. He attended the University of Florida using the GI bill, majoring in vocational agriculture. He came to Wildwood High School in 1951 where his FFA chapter dominated the district competitions sending winners to both state and national conventions. He continually worked through the University to obtain his master's degree in education. He then was the principal at the Coleman school while also teaching there. Upon this school's closure he taught at Bushnell High School which later became South Sumter High School. Following this, he became the long-time principal of Bushnell Elementary School. This school's administration building is named in his honor.

Ed seldom met a stranger as most all knew him personally or by reputation. He was unequalled in his endeavors to increase the value of education for his students. He was recognized by several governors and Florida boards of education for his numerous contributions to improve education in general and especially in teacher compensations.

In his personal life, Ed enjoyed recreational activities including traveling, fishing, gardening, and generously supporting his UF Gators in all accomplishments. Ed was a member of the Lake Panasoffkee United Methodist Church, the Sumter County Retired Educators Association, and the Wise Owls organization for retired agriculture teachers.

Services will be held for friends and family at Beyers Funeral Home: Purcell Chapel in Bushnell, Florida on Friday, December 29, 2023 with a visitation from 11:00-12:00 and a memorial service at 12:00 noon. A private burial (for family only) will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. In lieu of flowers, contributions are encouraged to the Sumter County Retired Educators Association for their college scholarship program.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Friends and Family

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Purcell Chapel  
114 W Noble Ave  
Bushnell, FL 33513  
(352) 793-4531

## Memorial Service

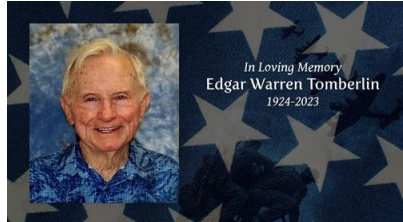
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edgar Warren Tomberlin*



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**Beyers Funeral Home** - December 28, 2023 at 02:30 PM

BH

“ *Mr. Tomberlin was one of the great ones of the 'Greatest Generation'. He was a person who was respected and admired by those of us who had the privilege to know him. As a principal he was firm yet fair. You knew what he expected from you, and knew he would have your back in any situation. I have many fond memories of Mr. Tomberlin. He had a positive influence in my life and will always have a special place in my heart. He truly was one of the great ones. My deepest sympathies are with his family.*

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**Bob Hay** - December 29, 2023 at 11:03 AM

WG

“ *Mr Edgar Tomberlin lives on in and through his family and the thousands of people he touched, helped and influenced throughout his life. He is a great man, a really good person. Thank you so much, Mr T. You and Mrs T are very special. ❤️❤️*

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**walter graham** - December 24, 2023 at 10:23 AM

JJ

“ *Mr. Tomberlin was a great man who I'll never forget. My family moved to Lake Panasoffkee in the early 70's. And yes I was hippy like lol but Mr. Tomberlin yet firm was caring I love him and Mrs. Tomberlin. I was class of 1978 Jan Holden Johnson Sing with the Angels and Mrs. Tomberlin!*❤️

jan Holden Johnson - December 20, 2023 at 03:05 PM

JJ

*Class of 1976*

jan Holden Johnson - December 20, 2023 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Class of 1970 purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Edgar Warren Tomberlin.*



Class of 1970 - December 18, 2023 at 03:09 PM

KC

“ *My heartfelt sympathies go out to both Lucy and Warren. I have many fond memories of tailgating with Ed and Rosa Lee and our families at the UF games together with your mom's potato salad and "the pink stuff". Your father always had an interesting story to tell me, always upbeat and humorous. May your warm memories help you through this incredibly difficult time.*

Kay Collie - December 16, 2023 at 12:37 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry for the family, Lucy and Warren in particular. I have such fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Tomberlin. So glad they're together again in Heaven.

*Sheila Witt Michele*

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**Sheila Witt Michele** - December 15, 2023 at 08:23 PM

JS

“ Mr. Tomberlin and Mrs. Tomberlin were certainly two of the best liked educators in the Sumter County School District. They will forever be remembered by all of us who still survive them and were well respected by those that have gone on before us. May the family find peace and comfort knowing they are now together.

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**James Guy Simmons** - December 15, 2023 at 04:34 PM