



# THOMAS FUQUA

February 15, 2016

## Obituary of THOMAS FUQUA

Thomas Franklin Fuqua, Jr., 58, of Altoona passed away on Monday, February 15, 2016. He was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky but spent most of his life in Lake County, Florida. He was of the Protestant faith. He was a master carpenter and farmer.

Tommy, fondly remembered by all as Shiner Man, had a passion for many things. His two children and his granddaughter were the most important things in his life. His pride in their achievements was spoken to all of his friends and family daily. Tommy never met a stranger, and was willing to share his vast knowledge of Lake County history. He shared endless stories and expertise in carpentry, farming, hunting, and fishing with anyone he met. He loved sports and coached youth softball and baseball. His method of coaching was not limited to just the sport, but he instilled life lessons in all of his players.

Survivors include: mother, Cynthia M. Getford of Burlington, North Carolina; daughter, Morgan Fuqua Byrd (Wesley) of Umatilla; son, Clayton Franklin Fuqua of Tallahassee; granddaughter, Blythe Anne Byrd; brother, Bari Fuqua of Guatemala; sister, Cindy Anne Riley (Freddy), niece, Dawn Taylor and nephew, Dustin Miller of Burlington, North Carolina. He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Franklin Fuqua, Sr.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 PM on Thursday, February 18 at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla. The family requests in lieu of flowers please direct memorials to Cornerstone Hospice of Tavares, Florida.

# Tribute Wall

HN

“ Just wanted you all to know that the funeral was an amazing testament to all of your lives. You are all loved by so many it was overwhelming. I was there in the very back row looking at a lifetime of folks who loved Lil' Tom and you all. To see how many lives your family has impacted was very humbling and reminded us of how much difference each life makes. Those who leave us behind aren't really gone, there just waiting on us in a better place. What a fine reunion its going to be on the other side someday! Love to you all,  
Holly Palmer Newby

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**Holly Palmer Newby** - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ On behalf the Priester family, we wish to express our heart felt condolences to Shiner's family. Shiner was a friend to all no matter the age. Even though a few years younger than him he always treated me like one of the guys and went out of his way to befriend me at a difficult time in my life. I pray for peace in your hearts for we know he's heading up some good things in heaven right now, He was truly a super person.

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**Stan Priester** - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Rest in peace Tom you were a great friend and schoolmate. You will be truly missed.

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**joann Ham Vick** - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ So sorry to hear about shiner.my thoughts an prayers go out to the family.a great guy and a good friend.

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**Ty justison** - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *May GOD be with each and every one of Tommy's Family and friends and god be with all of ya'll and Tommy will sure be missed and rest in PEACE MY BROTHER*

Robert Agerton - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. May God hold you all close at this time. Love hugs and prayers John and Chris Getchell Family*

Chris Getchell - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Morgan, Clayton and families So sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!*

Jane Crow - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *I worked with shiner man for a few years . He was a great man and good friend, wish there were more people like him around. The woods and lake's won't be the same without him. If there's fishing and hunting in heaven you can bet he's gettin we done. Miss you my friend!*

Bucket Patterson - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *THOMAS FUQUA*

Bucket Patterson - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ To all of Tommy's family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

**Bobby and Connie Gibson** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. May you find comfort in warm memories and coming promises. (Revelation 21:3,4)

**Kristina** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Condolences To the Fuqua Family

**The Bedgood Family** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ THOMAS FUQUA

**Arle and Glenda Harwood** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ So sorry for your loss ,u will meet again.Prayers for all the family.

**Frankie Gnann** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Tommy. For many years you have made people laugh, smile & walked scratching their heads with your bib overalls on. Your Umatilla family have our arms tightly around not wanting you to leave us. Its time to let you rise in spirit to the Lord. We will never forget you. Say hello to Jess for me a raise some hell. Love you Shinerman.

**Glenna Dotson** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

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Glenna Dotson - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I am sorry to hear of Shiner Mans passing have known him most off his life. His step father Roger Getford was like second father to me. God please to all off the Familly.

William E Van Tassell Billy - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To the family I just wanted to give my condolence tommy was a wonderful joyful person I will run into him at the post office save-a-lot even the feed store no one was a stranger Tommy he always had a smile and a joke for you may he now rest in peace.

Jacqueline Handy - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Prayers for your family thru this tough time. Condolences from Kevin Powers also.

Liana Powers - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GD

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**The Bedgood Family** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Bucket Patterson** - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Tommy will always be in my thoughts and always a part of my heart.*

*Condolences to all.*

*Dawn###GESTURE###*

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**Dawn Aciego** - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

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*Condolences to all.*

*Dawn*

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**Dawn Aciego** - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I have known Shinerman for many years and he was one of the most entertaining people I ever met. He never met a stranger and could tell so many stories about the area and people. We will miss that laugh and infectious smile. Hunt and fish to your hearts content Shinerman.  
Kathy LaBar and Tracy Wiley

Kathy LaBar - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ THOMAS FUQUA

February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ GOD HAS BEEN GETTING GREAT LAKE COUNTY MEN THESE DAYS.HOPE YOU WET A LINE SHINER.....IN HEAVEN.....SAY HI TO ALL OUR FOLKS AND FRIENDS!.....GODSPEED YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS....RECOVERY.....AMEN!

McCALL FAMILY - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Shinerman you will be missed

kiley & crystal craig - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was very saddened to hear of the death of Tommy. As a teacher and coach at Umatilla High School I have great memories of Tommy. He was always so enthusiastic. He was always quick to offer help and encouragement to others. He will surely be missed and I regret I didn't get to say goodbye. My prayers go out to Tommy's family.

Mike Sheets - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Rest in peace, Tom. You will be missed by so many.*

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**Bobbye Tracer** - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Tommy will always be in my thoughts and always a part of my heart.  
Condolences to all. Dawn*

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