



Earl Talmadge Tidwell

February 17, 1959 - May 6, 2018

Earl Talmadge “Big Earl” Tidwell, 59, of West Point, formerly of Macon, GA passed away quietly at his home on the morning of May 6, 2018. He was an outgoing soul who truly “never met a stranger”. Earl was well-known for his longtime career in the tree business, and was deeply passionate about listening to and singing country music. He will be remembered by many karaoke enthusiasts for “The Big Earl Roadshow”.

Earl was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Talmadge Tidwell, and a granddaughter, Kaylee Tidwell. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Benjamin; his children, Michael Tidwell (Stevi), Melissa Tidwell, Starla Arnold, and Andrea Payton (Keith); and his mother, Nancy Cannon. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Gabriel, Alexander, Hunter, Tanner, Gracie, Mason, Orion and Terra; siblings, Ricky, Joey, David and Ryan Tidwell, Barbara Williamson and Tammy Lee; as well as his four-legged canine child, Kaylee; and numerous other family and friends. He was an active member of the Lions Club of New Kent and the Moose Lodge of Williamsburg. He will be fondly remembered by his Gwynn’s Island family as well.

The family will receive friends 6 to 8 PM, Tuesday evening at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St, West Point. A funeral service will be held 11 AM, Wednesday at First Baptist Church, Main St., West Point. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Riverside Gloucester Hospice, 7358 Main St., Gloucester, VA 23061.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptsit Church of West Point
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

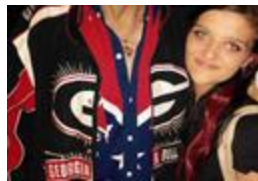
DE

“ Dear Family & Friends of Big Earl,
May every consolation and blessing be granted to each of you in
your deep sorrow.
My condolences and sincere sympathy,
David 'Herb' Estes

David 'Herb' Estes - May 10, 2018 at 07:37 AM

 Taylor
Renee

“ The night we took this picture, he was just so happy and singing all
night. We had so much fun! I will miss him so much. I love you
Uncle Earl



Taylor Renee - May 09, 2018 at 06:15 PM

JM

“ We are torn apart that we couldn't be there for your services today. I
have known you for half of my life and I have never known anyone
like you. You have always been larger than life and will truly be
missed. My Blue Eyed Girl is heartbroken and will never quite be
the same now... We promise to take care of her and keep you alive
through our numerous memories of you. We love you Big Earl ❤️❤️
❤️



Jodi & Jason Miller - May 09, 2018 at 03:09 PM

TA

“ *Big Earl will truly be missed on Thompson Ave. Every since we moved to the neighbor he welcomed us with open arms. Bringing us eggs while my husband worked on some of his equipment. Fly high my friend and warm words of encouragement and sympathy to the family.*

TaSheia - May 09, 2018 at 09:06 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss!
Jesus Loves Me!*



Thomas & Libby Widgeon - May 09, 2018 at 07:29 AM

CH

“ *Ciara Herrington lit a candle in memory of
Earl Talmadge Tidwell*



Ciara Herrington - May 09, 2018 at 05:16 AM

BA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Barbara - May 08, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ *Jeanie Cannon lit a candle in memory of Earl Talmadge Tidwell*



Jeanie Cannon - May 08, 2018 at 07:53 PM

JD

“ *This so heart breaking to us my family loved earl and listening to his music one great man gone but will never be forgotten sorry we can't make it to visitation or funeral just found out about everything but we will be there in our hearts love always Dan Jenny & Jessica Deal*

Jennifer Deal - May 08, 2018 at 06:34 PM

SK

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Susan Kelley - May 08, 2018 at 04:40 PM

SK

*Andrea and Big Earl singing
Earl singing to the love of his life on her Birthday 2017*

Big Earls ladies of the Island 2017

Susan Kelley - May 08, 2018 at 04:44 PM

SK

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Susan Kelley - May 08, 2018 at 04:33 PM

SK

Big Earl July 4th 2017 Gwynn's Island Campground

Susan Kelley - May 08, 2018 at 04:41 PM

TS

“ *Big Earl was always friendly and never met a stranger. He had a wonderful voice and a great heart. Was so happy to get to see him one last time. We all had a great time. He will be missed by so many.*

Tina Shockley - May 08, 2018 at 01:13 PM

HM

“ *The first time we saw Big Earl, was at a bar and we was singing karaoke. In walks a big guy. Wearing a big cowboy hat, boots, and a Western vest. We all looked at him and all said " look at this cowboy wannabe". When he was called up to sing, we all sat in amazement when he opened his mouth and out came his beautiful voice. So much for first opinions. We loved to hear him sing and he loved to sing.*

Herb Martin - May 08, 2018 at 12:48 PM

SC

“ *Sandy Burney Coleman lit a candle in memory of Earl Talmadge Tidwell*



Sandy Burney Coleman - May 08, 2018 at 12:35 PM

BB

“ *He always was a hell of a tree climber .I remember when I was young and he would run across the ground and jump up on a tree and run up that thing so fast.He will be missed.*

Bean Bean - May 08, 2018 at 12:31 PM