



Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson

March 15, 1941 - January 13, 2025

Thomas Allen Hutson, known lovingly as 'Big Al' passed away on January 13, 2025 at the age of 83, in his hometown of Newport, Tennessee. Big Al had a larger than life personality, the kind that made you think he would live forever. To know Big Al is to love him. He never met a stranger, and instantly made everyone around him feel like family with his detailed stories, witty jokes, and contagious laugh. He lived a lot of lives in his 83 years. Beginning a career in construction laid the groundwork for him to forge several paths of his own throughout his life. He started a railroad contracting company, working with Norfolk Southern (formerly Southern Railway), all while simultaneously operating a motel, building pools, and running many other Newport businesses. Over the years, Big Al wore many hats, and he worked hard in every phase. One of his many famous lines was, "working people are happy people" and if you knew Big Al, he was always happy.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and dedicated football and baseball coach. While work was important, he also knew how important time with his family and friends was. Whether it was trout fishing in Cherokee, hunting with his family and friends, or drawing up a little league play, he always lived in the moment.

Above all else, Big Al was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Hutson and Velma McMahan; Brothers, Jerry (Shirley) Hutson, and Earl Hutson; Son, Thomas Allen Hutson II.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Linda Hutson; Big Al's legacy will live on through his children, Kim Hutson Allen, Allen 'Lil Al' Hutson and daughter-in-law Allison Hutson. Grandchildren Rachel (Dominique) Coclough, Brandon Hutson, Alex (Lily) Hutson, and Skyler Allen. Great grandchildren Rebecca Hutson, Michael Hutson, Noah Coclough, Isaiah Coclough, and Mayla Coclough. He is also survived by special sisters-in-law Debbie (Kenny) Eisenhower, Jobie Owenby and Randy Allen; along with a host of other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 pm-7 pm Thursday, January 16, 2025, with the funeral service following at 7 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be held 1 pm Friday, January 17, 2025 in Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

JAN 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Resthaven Memorial Gardens
Dandridge, TN 37725

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 15, 2025 at 05:28 PM

RB

So sorry Allen..Allison & Alex sending love & prayers❤️🙏 Ruby, Aaron & Eric Bell

Ruby, Aaron & Eric Bell - January 16, 2025 at 08:47 AM

DS

We are so sorry to hear about your loss, Kim and I loved talking with Big Al when he would come in the store and get sweets.He was always so kind and considerate. Donald and Kim Suggs sending our prayers

Donald Suggs - January 16, 2025 at 06:21 PM

LH

“ *Prayers!*



Louise & Jimmy Hux - August 08, 2025 at 10:09 PM

LD

“ Keeping all of you in our prayers during this sad time. May God bring you peace and comfort as you learn to live without Al's presence by your side.

Always remember his love will always be with you until you see him again.

We are so very sorry.

Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson*



Linda Dawson - January 18, 2025 at 09:40 AM

GE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gary and Angie Gentry

Gentry - January 17, 2025 at 10:33 AM

MC

“ Im so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories when we were children. Good times I will never forget. I have been out of town on business and wasnt able to get back in time.....you're in my thoughts and prayers....

Michael H Cabe

Michael Cabe - January 17, 2025 at 09:33 AM

AG

“ So sorry for your loss. Love and prayers for you all. Ricky and Amy Grooms

Amy Grooms - January 17, 2025 at 06:06 AM

RR

“ Linda, Kim, and Allen. So very sorry about Big Al. Such a wonderful man. May God give your precious family comfort during this very difficult time. Love you guys❤️🙏❤️

Rhonda Rice - January 16, 2025 at 08:39 PM

MC

“ So sorry for the loss of Allen, I've known him pretty much my entire life, was a close friend. Prayers for all his family and friends🙏🙏❤️



Marty Coakley - January 16, 2025 at 05:36 PM

AM

“ Linda, Kim, and Little Allen so sorry to hear of Big Al's passing, he was a good man...praying for you all..

Alice Miller - January 16, 2025 at 03:24 PM

4N

“ 423 Nutrition purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.



423 Nutrition - January 16, 2025 at 01:08 PM

4N

“ 423 Nutrition planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.

423 Nutrition - January 16, 2025 at 01:08 PM

FV

“ Linda and family, I was so sorry to hear of Allen’s passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. I’m praying for you and all your family. God bless you. Love and Sympathy, Faye Valentine

Faye Valentine - January 16, 2025 at 12:59 PM

BD

“ I spent a lot of time at the house on the hill in the early to mid 1980's. I remember sleep overs. I remember a camping trip. I remember him teaching me how to take care of our swimming pool. He was so patient with his directions and kind. Thanks to him mustard algae never stood a chance in Parrottsville. I also remember his kind words regarding my brief and ill advised drag racing career. Big Al always made me feel welcome and like family, like I belonged. His humor and kindness will never be forgotten. Truly a gentle giant. Linda, my sweet Kim, and Little Allen, I'm so sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.



Brad Denton - January 16, 2025 at 10:44 AM

FS

“ Faulkner’s Backhoe Services purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.



Faulkner’s Backhoe Services - January 16, 2025 at 09:17 AM

AD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Allen would come out to the store quite often and I always enjoyed talking to him. He was a very nice man.

Amy Burnett Dorsey

Amy Dorsey - January 16, 2025 at 08:03 AM

JR

“ Jimmy, Rebecca & Tyler Robinson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Hutson



Jimmy, Rebecca & Tyler Robinson - January 15, 2025 at 10:25 PM

SS

“ Linda and family, we're so sorry for your loss. God bless all of you with comfort and peace. We love you. Sherry and Bryce

Sherry and Bryce Strange - January 15, 2025 at 06:48 PM

JJ

“ We are sorry for your loss.

Janie & Gray Hurley Jr.

Janie & Gray Hurley Jr. - January 15, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - January 15, 2025 at 05:12 PM

ET

“ *My Condolences and prayers to the family.*

Ellen Turner - January 15, 2025 at 04:25 PM

RM

“ *We are sorry for your family's loss. We will be praying for your family and his many friends.*

Rob and Lisa Myers

Rob & Lisa Myers - January 15, 2025 at 02:48 PM

BC

“ *I'm so sorry Linda and the family'....Many good memories* ❤️



Bobby and Gail Clevenger - January 15, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ Linda we are so sorry to hear about Allens passing...Love and prayers for you all..



Brenda McMillan and Patty Evans Stephenson

Pat Evans Larry Stephenson - January 15, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Linda and all the family: I am so sorry to hear about Big Al passing away. He sure was a good man. He loved his family, and what a wonderful life you all have shared together. Big Al has helped SO many kids along the way, and taught them life skills that they have used growing up to make them a better person..... that is very admirable. Big Al had a heart as big as Texas, and will be missed, but never forgotten. I'm praying for God to comfort all of you during this time. I know your hearts are shattered. I am so sorry. Rest in peace Big Al. 🚣🛡️🐟👤
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Susie O'Dell - January 15, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Big Al was a great man and loved his wonderful family He shall be missed Prayers for all the family especially Linda

Sharon Brady - January 15, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Sorry for your loss - I know that I miss my daddy "Butch" every single day!

Tammy Atkins Grooms - January 15, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.

January 15, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.



January 15, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss. Peggy (France) Stephenson.

Peggy Stephenson - January 15, 2025 at 04:24 AM



“ My sincere condolences to each of you. My Mom's Uncle George depended on him a lot with all his many ventures.

Ray Fancher - January 14, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ Edward and Robin Hutson and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.



Edward and Robin Hutson and Family - January 14, 2025 at 07:44 PM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers for Allen's family during this most difficult time. I always liked him and have fond memories of him. He will surely be missed.

Debbie D Williams - January 14, 2025 at 07:39 PM

MA

“ Linda and family I'm at a loss for words. We have had a lot of great times during our long friendship. So sorry for your loss. Allen was a great friend and always had something good to say and didn't mind to say what he thought also. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. You have a lot of great memories to carry you through. Love you all.

marian anderson - January 14, 2025 at 07:30 PM

KI

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Karen Greene Isaacs - January 14, 2025 at 07:14 PM

MS

“ Allen and Kim, Mark and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Big AI. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Prayers for peace and comfort.
Mark and Sandra (Sandy) Steward

Mark & Sandra (Sandy Samples) Steward - January 14, 2025 at 07:05 PM

MB

“ Melissa and Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Big AI" Hutson.

Melissa and Brenda - January 14, 2025 at 06:55 PM

MB

“ *Melissa and Brenda purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.*



Melissa and Brenda - January 14, 2025 at 06:55 PM

AJ

“ *Big Al will be missed. I know he adored his family! I remember him trying to always teach us life skills. He was always telling stories and playing jokes. What a wonderful person! He will be missed by so many. I love all of you and praying for you during this time.*

Amy Johnson - January 14, 2025 at 06:39 PM

SF

“ *Stephen & Brenda Gahagan Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Allen "Big Al" Hutson.*



Stephen & Brenda Gahagan Family - January 14, 2025 at 05:10 PM

TW

“ *Allen was such a good man, we are going to miss him. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tracy Williams - January 14, 2025 at 03:34 PM

BS

“ *Al was a good man. He use to come pick me up as a kid so i could spend nights and weekends with his son Allen. To the family I am very sorry for your loss. May you R.I.P. Big Al*

Bryan Smith - January 14, 2025 at 03:01 PM

CB

“ *Our prayers are with Linda, Kim , Allen, Allison, Skyler, Alex & Lily. We loved Big Al. He will be missed by many families & friends that knew him. He could make you laugh like no one else ever could. Now we will cherish his memory. Love you all*

Connie & Marsha Ball - January 14, 2025 at 12:34 PM

JP

“ *Linda and family, So sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers. Joe and Linda Proffitt*

Joe Proffitt - January 14, 2025 at 11:58 AM