



Thomas Puckett

April 2, 1964 - March 2, 2026

Thomas I. Puckett, age 61, of Newport, TN, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Thomas was born late in his mother and father's life, a miracle/surprise, if you will. He was in the Navy for a short time then came home and worked at the Cocke County Sheriff's Department as a deputy, and then for the Newport Police Department as a police officer. He was also a member of the Newport Rescue Squad and Civil Air Patrol. After his years in law enforcement, he got his Nursing degree at Walters State Community College. While living in Knoxville, he worked first at Fort Sanders Regional Hospital and after moving to the Atlanta area, he worked at Grady Memorial Hospital. Moving back to be closer to his mother, he worked for various hospitals and home health throughout the Knoxville area.

Thomas was a member of Macedonia United Methodist Church in Knoxville, TN. He loved animals, the outdoors and cave exploring and hiking in his younger days. He also loved astrophysics and the farm that he recently moved to in Tazewell with his husband, Ray.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Thurman I. Puckett and Ora Belle Puckett.

Thomas is survived by his husband, Ray Pillion, Jr.

The family would like to offer a special thanks to the nurses and staff at Fort Sanders Medical Center and the many extended family members and friends for their care, compassion and support.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Macedonia United Methodist Church 4630 Holston Dr, Knoxville TN on April 12, 2026 from 2:00pm until 4:00 pm. Family and Friends welcome.

Friends and family may sign guest register online at: www.manesfuneralhome
Courtesy obituary posting of service information by Manes Funeral Home,
Newport, Tn

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia United Methodist Church
4630 Holston Drive
Knoxville, TN 37914

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Prayers, Hugs, and Love for Ray. 🙏👤❤️



Doyal Bloomer - April 11 at 11:34 AM

CA

“ Tommy has been a part of our Wilsonville community his entire life. His family and ours shared decades of memories. Rest easy dear friend. Chris and Conchita Austin

Chris Austin - April 10 at 09:08 AM



“ Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Puckett.



April 09 at 03:14 PM

DO

“ So sorry to hear this. Tommy was an excellent student 'back in the day.' My sincere condolences to all.

Duay O'Neil - April 07 at 08:42 AM

TB

“ *Tammy Binkley lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Puckett*



Tammy Binkley - March 31 at 07:52 AM