

Tommy Oscar Morgan

May 27, 1933 - March 31, 2025

Tommy Oscar Morgan, age 91, of Conyers, Ga., passed away Sunday, March 30, 2025. He was born on May 27, 1933, in Valdosta, Ga., one of three sons of Lee Earl Morgan and Viola Hansen Morgan Shroyer.

After the untimely death of their father in 1939, Tommy and his brothers, Earl and Jimmy, became residents at The Methodist Home for Children and Youth in Macon, Ga., for several years. At age 17, Tommy Morgan enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving as a submarine torpedoman, also serving aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown aircraft carrier and a destroyer, and completing a tour of duty in Japan.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Mr. Morgan enrolled as a student at Valdosta State College (now University) where he met his bride-to-be, Caroline House. Tommy and Caroline were wed in Valdosta on Christmas Eve, 1956, and shortly thereafter relocated to Conyers, Ga., where they would both make their home for the rest of their lives.

After moving to Conyers, Tommy attended Georgia State University and worked first for a local salvage company, then for the Mid-Georgia Natural Gas Co., and then became the first city manager for the City of Conyers. In the early 1970s, Tommy entered a business partnership with Wayne King of Decatur, overseeing King Pipeline and Utilities Supply Company. Tommy served as president of the growing waterworks supply business as it relocated from Decatur to Conyers and then opened a second location in Smyrna, Tenn. While serving as Conyers city manager, Mr. Morgan became a volunteer

firefighter, a vocation that would blossom into a full-time career in fire service leadership coinciding with the rapid population growth of Conyers and Rockdale County. Serving first as Fire Chief for the City of Conyers, then for Rockdale County, and then for the consolidated Rockdale County Fire Department, Chief Morgan worked tirelessly for vast improvements over four decades in firefighter training and qualifications, fire safety and prevention equipment and facilities, and disaster and hazardous materials response. Chief Morgan also championed improvements in lifesaving techniques and emergency medical services, including introducing through former State Senator Jeff Mullis the bill to establish a 911 emergency call system throughout Georgia. Chief Morgan also advocated for other legislation to benefit public safety as well as firefighters and their families and served for six years as a member of the Georgia Public Safety Council. In addition, Chief Morgan provided leadership in statewide, southeastern, and international Firefighters and Fire Chiefs associations.

Mr. Morgan was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ and a longtime member of Conyers First Methodist Church, faithfully supporting its ministries with his prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness by serving and leading in various positions of Christian responsibility within the local congregation and beyond.

Mr. Morgan also provided service and leadership to various civic and community organizations, including United Way, the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, the Rockdale Historical Society, Walk of Heroes Veterans Memorial Park, the Robert L. Moore Disciple House, and Rotary International, receiving the Guardian of Ethics award from the Conyers Rotary Club.

Tommy Morgan was a devoted husband to Caroline, his wife of 56 years; a kind and loving father to his children and their spouses, Mike and Karen Morgan, and Mollie and Bart Roberts; and a wonderful 'Granddaddy Chief' to his grandchildren and their spouses, Thomas and Sara Morgan, Daniel and Erica Morgan, Morgan and Shane Corbett, Savannah and Quinton Upshaw,

and Leif and Elizabeth Roberts; as well as to his great-grandchildren, Mina Morgan, Oscar Corbett, Essie Corbett, Sawyer Upshaw, and Sallie Upshaw. Following Caroline's death in 2013, Tommy married Donna Johnson Maley at Conyers First Methodist Church on March 1, 2014, extending his love to Donna's children and their spouses, Mike and Steph Maley, Dan and Amy Maley, Tim and Wendy Maley, and Ben and Andrea Maley; and becoming 'Granddaddy Chief' to her grandchildren and their spouses, Sean Maley, Josh Maley, Jose and Meghan Maley, Bill Maley, Ellie Maley, Quincy Maley, Haley and Jose Salazar, Eli Maley, and Owen Maley.

In retirement, Tommy and Donna Morgan enjoyed working together as active servant-leaders in their church and community.

A service of worship celebrating the life of Tommy O. Morgan will be held on Saturday, April 19, at 11 a.m., at Conyers First Methodist Church, 921 N. Main Street, NW, Conyers, GA 30012. Visitation will precede the service from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and a reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service at 12 p.m. Interment will take place later at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton and Sunset Hill Cemetery in Valdosta.

Contributions may be made in memory of Tommy Morgan to the Robert L. Moore Disciple House, Inc. 612 Fleeting Court, Monroe, GA 30655 or make a check out to Disciple House and send it to Conyers First Methodist Church, 912 N. Main Street, NW, Conyers, GA 30012. Condolences may be submitted online at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hill Cemetery

1100 N. Oak St.
Valdosta, GA 31602

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Conyers First Methodist
921 North Main St NW
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ When I moved my Rotary membership to the Conyers club, one of the members to introduce himself that I didn't know was Tommy. "Hi - I'm Tommy Morgan. You doing alright today?". When I served as President for the 2018-19 club year, he was always supportive, and it was much appreciated.

Mike Lassiter - April 29, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MH

“ Chief Morgan was a well respected man. He was always kind and fair with his employees. I always admired him. Mark Howington

Mark Howington - April 18, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ Tommy was the Fire Chief when I held the office of County Commissioner for a short period. Tommy had been trying to implement several safety ordinances, and we worked together to make significant strides in all the issues he believed necessary for the safety of our residents. He was a fantastic man, and I treasure those memories of working with him. Lorraine Harrison

Lorraine Harrison - April 18, 2025 at 06:41 PM

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“ Lisa Parsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Oscar Morgan.

Lisa Parsons - April 17, 2025 at 11:26 PM

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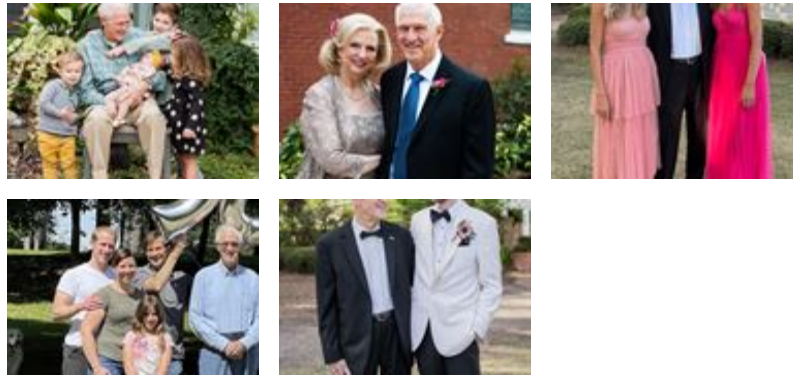
“ *Lisa Parsons purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Tommy Oscar Morgan.*



Lisa Parsons - April 17, 2025 at 11:26 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - April 17, 2025 at 12:54 PM

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“ *It was an honor to know Tommy, he will be missed by many. - Phillip Yancey*

Phillip Yancey - April 17, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tommy Oscar Morgan.*



April 15, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommy Oscar Morgan.

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“ City of Conyers Mayor, Council & Staff purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Tommy Oscar Morgan.



City of Conyers Mayor, Council & Staff - April 08, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Robert Crowe lit a candle in memory of Tommy Oscar Morgan



Robert Crowe - April 07, 2025 at 09:22 PM



“ Condolences to the entire family. Tommy was a true gentleman, one of the nicest people I have ever known. I am so sorry for your loss.
Darrell Huckaby

Darrell Huckaby - April 06, 2025 at 08:03 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. Knowing Chief Morgan was an inspiration to me. I always thought of him as a "principled man" which sums up all the goods sentiments that are being expressed about him. I will always cherish his friendship and leadership. With love and respect to the family, Jimmy Wiggins, Retired Fire Chief, City of Jonesboro

Jimmy Wiggins - April 03, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DH

It was an honor to know Chief Morgan and I can bet that all those who knew him would say the same thing. I grew up with Mike & Molly and my first memory of him was watching him get on the roof of his mother-in-law's home on Turner Street trying to convince her to get off her roof and stop cleaning her gutters. If you knew Ms. Sally, you knew there was very little anyone could say to stop her from doing something she had made up her mind to do. As far as I know, Chief Morgan was the only person she would listen to. (All neighbors were instructed to let him know every time she climbed to the roof). He was dearly loved by Ms. Sally. He had a powerful presence because he cared so much. We were so blessed to have him in our community. He changed Rockdale County with his service. He was so respected as Fire Chief that he brought that respect to every committee he served on and every position he held. He was a great man whose power was love. I feel as if our community will never be the same as we grieve the loss of Tommy Morgan.

Diane Howington - April 08, 2025 at 01:26 PM