



## Thomas Watson "T.W." Lord Jr.

August 16, 1927 - July 4, 2019

T. W. was born in Tennille, GA on August 16, 1927 to Ouida Webb and Thomas Watson Lord, Sr. He died peacefully on July 4, 2019 surrounded by his wife and children. He moved to Marietta in 1944 where he met his sweetheart, Hazel. They married in 1947. He attended the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia (now Georgia State University) and, in 1952, started T. W. Lord Insurance Agency, which still operates today. Family was the most important thing in T.W.'s life. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and uncle. He taught his children to "always love and look after your family". This was "lecture #2". Lecture #1 was "you must have character". He was most recently excited by planning a surprise 90th birthday party for Hazel on June 30. Due to his business, involvement in church/community and his outgoing nature, T. W. had many friends. If you were a friend, you were a friend for life and his friends spanned many generations. T.W. had a great sense of humor and enjoyed playing practical jokes on friends. He was well loved by all who had the opportunity to know him. T.W.'s favorite pastime was Atlanta Braves Baseball. He was the longest running season ticket holder for the Braves, purchasing his first season tickets in 1969. He loved attending games and sharing tickets with family and friends. He especially enjoyed taking children to games. He spent his last day in the office, July 1, calling friends to share this week's tickets. He was most proud of his 30 years of service on the Cobb County Kennestone Hospital Authority Board of Trustees, serving as Chairman in 1967, 1971 and 1979. In 1987 he was awarded the Georgia Hospital Associations Distinguished Service Award. He faithfully served as a Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School teacher and treasurer at Crestview Baptist Church, now GracePointe, since 1947. He loved all the members of the church, but he and Hazel especially enjoyed the young people and children. Their home has been a place of fellowship for new member dinners, Super Bowl parties and other special occasions. He was a member of the Marietta Masonic Lodge #33 and, also, a member and past president of the Marietta Civitan Club.

T. W. was preceded in death by an infant son, Joel Franklin, his parents, his brothers Robert, Raymond and Wesley and his sister Doris Cochran. T. W. is survived by his wife, Hazel, his son Thomas Watson Lord III, wife Mary, and his daughter, Mary Grace Lord Bright, husband Tim. He was exceptionally proud of his 5 grandchildren and 9 great

grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Vera Davis, whom he cherished. Many nieces and nephews will always have fond memories their time with "Uncle T". The service will be 11am Monday at GracePointe Baptist Church in Marietta with remains placed in state at 10am at the church. Burial will be in Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery in Marietta. Visitation will be from 2 to 5pm Sunday at Mayes Ward Dobbins Funeral Home, Marietta. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to GracePointe Marietta Baptist Church, 505 Atlanta Rd., Marietta, GA 30060 or WellStar Foundation, 805 Sandy Plains Rd, Suite 100, Marietta, GA 30066. In T. W.'s memory, please spend time with your family and friends and take a friend or a child to a Braves game.

# Cemetery

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## Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery

1306 Whitlock Avenue NE

Marietta, GA, 30064

# Events

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**JUL** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Gracepointe Church

Atlanta Road, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home** - July 07, 2019 at 10:46 AM

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“ Fran and I were blessed to have met "Mr. TW" in the last few years. We had the privilege of sitting with him and having dinner on two occasions. He was a true southern gentleman and there will not be any more like him. He always made you feel comfortable and important. Will never forget the Braves game the night of the famous infield fly with Mr. TW. Just a great guy! Blessed to have known him!!!

Keith and Fran Floyd  
Elberton, GA

**Keith Floyd** - July 08, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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“ I had the privilege of first meeting T.W. and Hazel Lord in 1977 when I worked in the Personnel Department of the Cobb School System. I have fond memories of seeing T.W. in the hallways and Board Room of the Waddell Street office. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word on his lips. Hazel was often at his side, or nearby.

Our paths crossed again around 2013. My Dad had a cancer policy with the Lord Agency and was diagnosed with Lung Cancer. As an only child, Hazel's help was invaluable in navigating the claims process. Shortly afterward, Daddy and I met with T. W. to talk about the possibility of extending his life insurance policy which would soon be expiring. I could have stayed for hours hearing T.W. talk about his beloved family, life in Marietta and his favorite team....The Atlanta Braves! We left that day, feeling we were not just "another client", but as if we had just left a visit with family. The compassion and care shown by T.W. and Hazel made it clear that they had the gift of serving others. Maybe that's why he continued to work when it would have been so easy to retire. The life he lived leaves a wonderful legacy. I feel so blessed to have crossed paths with T.W. and Hazel Lord!

To Hazel, Tommy, Mary Grace, Vera, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all the extended family, I send my deepest condolences at your great loss. Your lives will always feel a void. I pray that God will comfort you as only He can, until the blessed day you see T.W. again, face to face. My love to each of you!

**Jane Kemp Turnipseed** - July 07, 2019 at 07:44 PM

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“ Worldwide Counter Threat Solutions purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Watson "T.W." Lord Jr..



**Worldwide Counter Threat Solutions** - July 07, 2019 at 01:37 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Watson "T.W." Lord Jr..



July 07, 2019 at 10:37 AM

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“ 112 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - July 07, 2019 at 09:43 AM

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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Watson "T.W." Lord Jr..



July 06, 2019 at 06:08 PM

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“ My heart breaks for Ms. Hazel Lord and Tommy, Mary Grace and all of the wonderful grand children and great grand children. I had the honor and pleasure to meet Mr. T. W. and Ms. Hazel (as I knew them) a few years ago primarily through Mary Grace and her husband Tim. I don't think it took me a minute to realize that this man and his dear wife were wonderful and sincere people. I have had the fortune to visit with them in their home, being invited by them to Atlanta Braves games and even driving with him for a day trip to Athens, GA. I never heard an unkind word, nor anything negative expressed by him. I was even invited to Ms. Hazel's surprise birthday party this past Sunday and am so glad that I took so many pictures of she and Mr. T. W. Another honor for me. I do know this for certain, the world lost a good man this week!! This world needs so many more T. W. Lords! To Ms. Hazel. Tommy, Mary Grace and all of the family; my prayers and condolences for all of you.

**Mike Tyndall** - July 06, 2019 at 04:09 PM

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“ Debbie, Joe, and Seth Gregory purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Thomas Watson "T.W." Lord Jr..



**Debbie, Joe, and Seth Gregory** - July 06, 2019 at 12:12 PM

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“ I had morning coffee with T.W. at McDonald's for many years. I always enjoyed seeing and talking with him. He will be greatly missed.

Dale Rucker

**Dale Rucker** - July 06, 2019 at 12:09 PM

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“ I had a cancer policy with TW Lord when I was teaching in Cobb County in 1993. My son, Seth, was diagnosed with cancer in February of 1993. I will never forget the kindness that TW and his wife demonstrated toward our family. They would come to Eggleston Hospital with checks for the hospitalization. They would also fill out all of the paperwork. I never had to worry about having money to help us get through Seth's surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments. After Seth finished his treatment, TW invited him to see the Atlanta Braves play and even sent him photographs of the fire in the old Atlanta Stadium. Today Seth is a doctor in Minnesota at the Mayo Clinic. TW was an important part of our life during an extremely stressful time. He was more than just an insurance agent, he was an angel sent to help us. He will always be remembered by our family.  
Debbie, Joe, and Seth Gregory

Debbie Gregory - July 06, 2019 at 12:05 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Watson "T.W." Lord Jr..



July 06, 2019 at 12:05 PM

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“ I had the privilege of working with TW for over 45 yrs. What a " True" Southern gentleman. I cherished our friendship.

Jeff Sikora

Jeff Sikora - July 06, 2019 at 09:36 AM

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“ We come in contact with many individuals however few leave one with lasting memories, T W Lord was one of those few. He always had a word of encouragement, showing his love for his family, never using his senior years as an excuse not to work or remain active in his community. Thank you T W for the time you gave me.

Ian Wilkinson - July 06, 2019 at 07:43 AM

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“ I first met T W at Mcdonalds with other retired old men. We were both from middle Ga. and talked about going to Sparta , Ga. often. He was a great guy and most generous and I will miss him. God's blessings on all his loved ones.

Charlie Watkins

Charles Watkins - July 05, 2019 at 07:50 PM

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“ Will truly be missed! Always caring.

Delores Moore - July 05, 2019 at 06:22 PM

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“ T W was a very special person to his family. It was always a pleasure to visit with him. He always had memories to share about our family. He knew my grandparents , uncles , etc that I never got to meet. Hazel, we love you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss him, but will never forget him!

Olen & Shelba Price - July 05, 2019 at 06:10 PM

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“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Watson "T.W." Lord Jr..



July 05, 2019 at 05:50 PM