



Mr. Thaddeus C. Lockhart Sr.

October 9, 1960 - April 28, 2026

Thaddeus Clifford Lockhart Sr., affectionately known as T.C. or Clifford, was born on October 9, 1960, in Opelika, Alabama, to Alan Lockhart Sr. and Recola Kindred Lockhart. He spent his early childhood in Alabama before the family later made their home in Gary, Indiana.

T.C. graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1978, where he developed a deep love for football—a passion he carried proudly into adulthood. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, continuing to excel on the football field during his military service.

He had hoped to build a long and fulfilling career in the Marines, but a significant football injury led to an honorable discharge.

After completing his military service, T.C. relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he began a new chapter of life. He worked with the Pleasant Run Youth Center, dedicating his time to supporting young people in his community. During this period, he also pursued higher education at Martin University, demonstrating his commitment to personal

growth and service.

In 1998 he returned to Opelika, where he started working for East Alabama Mental Health as a Mental Health Tech. In 2002, shortly after meeting his soon-to-be wife Linda, he moved to Rocky Hill, Connecticut where he was employed by Wallingford Independent Living Association as a Job Coach. In 2005, he returned to Opelika and East Alabama Mental Health. He returned to school and completed his Bachelor's in human services from the University of Phoenix and Masters of Mental Health Counseling from Faulkner University. At the time of his death, he was employed by Integrea Health as Clinical Coordinator/Therapist at the Forensic Group Home.

T. C. gave his life to God at an early age and shared his love for him in every conversation that he had. He often referred to himself as one of "God's favorite children" and when things were getting rough would always say, "God's got me". T. C. never met a stranger and believed in being kind to everyone. He loved music and loved to draw. He enjoyed being outside and looking at what he referred to as "God's paintbrush".

On Tuesday, April 28 th 2026, T.C. departed this life while sitting peacefully at home. His life was marked by resilience, determination, and a generous spirit. He will be remembered for his strength, his love of God and the lasting impact he made on those who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife Linda C. Lockhart, his

sons; Thaddeus C.

Lockhart Jr, Patrick M. Lockhart (Myia), grandsons; Carter Lockhart, Kyler Lockhart and Toop

Lockhart; Siblings, Allen Lockhart Jr, Shirley Neal, Barbara Edwards (Kevin) and Letitia Lockhart

Allen Lockhart Jr.; his mother-in-law Thelma Johnston; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Martin

Lockhart and Janet Jackson; a god-daughter Chloe Jackson and her brother Justin Jackson. T.C.

is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and his former wife Torri Lockhart,

the mother of Thaddeus Jr. and Patrick.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Allen Sr. and Recola Lockhart, and two

brothers, Lee James Collier and Patrick Earl Lockhart.

“Wherever you are, always look for GOD's paintbrush to put a smile in your heart and

on your face.” T.C. Lockhart

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
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Family Receiving Hour

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending Prayer& love to the family. From the Ocie Lockhart & family*



Caroline Moore - May 06 at 04:36 AM

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“ *Horace Mann Class of '79 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Thaddeus C. Lockhart Sr..*



Horace Mann Class of '79 - May 04 at 08:19 PM

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thaddeus C. Lockhart Sr..*



May 04 at 04:46 PM

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“ *TC the hero of East Alabama Mental Health a great pleasure working with him. One who shared his gift of Compassion and understanding to the Consumers as well as staff he work with all around. Thank you T your gift looked good on you. To God Be the Glory.*

Gloria Harris - May 04 at 04:39 PM

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“ Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Thaddeus Lockhart



Constance Echols - May 04 at 03:52 PM

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“ Chambers Co. Court Referral and Drug Cou planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thaddeus C. Lockhart Sr..

Chambers Co. Court Referral and Drug Cou - May 04 at 09:26 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thaddeus C. Lockhart Sr..



May 02 at 01:12 PM

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n Blue for the family of Mr. Thaddeus C. Lockhart
Sr..*



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