



Dr. Thomas Joe Huddleston

February 7, 1938 - September 1, 2025

Dr. Thomas Joe Huddleston, of Park Hills, MO, entered into rest on Monday, September 1, 2025, at the age of 87 years, 6 months, and 25 days. He was born February 7, 1938, in Vulcan, MO, a son of the late Clifton David and Nell (Talley) Huddleston.

On June 1, 1957, Tom was united in marriage to Uyvonne (Dinkins) Huddleston who survives. To this union, a daughter Cheryl Snead (Tom) was born and survives. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Cassie Marshall and husband Dale, and Brett Sneed, three great-grandchildren, Emily, Jenna, and Grant; a brother Don Huddleston and wife Mary of Spartanburg, SC, and many more loving family members and friends.

He is preceded in rest by his parents, a brother, David Huddleston, and a half-sister Blanche.

Dr. Huddleston had an exciting and impactful career in education throughout his life. After graduating from high school and helping lead the South Iron basketball team to their first State Championship game in 1956, he worked for Boeing and Yellow Transit. He then went on to attain his PhD in Philosophy of Education. He became Superintendent of several schools, South Iron School District, Pattonville School District, North County School District, and Pike County R-3 School District; he also coached at South Iron during his time there. While being Superintendent for these schools, he made a lasting impact in both the lives of students and teachers, which is evident in the many awards and accolades he achieved in his career, one of them being the

Pinnacle Award from MOASBO.

Once Dr. Huddleston found time to retire, he stayed busy with his many hobbies, clubs, family gatherings, and just being him. He was a 50-year Mason, a member of the SEMO Seniors, an avid golfer and member of the St. Francois County Country Club, coached AAU basketball for his granddaughter, helped his daughter Cheryl coach Special Olympic basketball in Farmington, taught his granddaughter how to play golf at five years old, loved to fish with his grandkids, loved to deer hunt, loved travelling with his wife, Uyvonne and became "Snowbirds", was an avid South Iron fan, and a faithful member of the Vulcan Assembly of God.

Dr. Thomas Huddleston was a loving and devoted father, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, community member, and friend. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know and love him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025, beginning at 1:00 pm from the Cole Family Chapel.

A Visitation for friends and family to gather will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025, beginning at 11:00 am and lasting until 1:00 pm from the Cole Family Chapel.

Interment will follow the services in the Annapolis Cemetery.

Pastor Rocky Goode will be officiating the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the South Iron Memorial Scholarship or the Annapolis Cemetery Association.

Cemetery Details

Annapolis Cemetery

Annapolis, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

GR

“ I was Assistant Principal during Dr. Huddleston's last years at North County HS. Was also with him in SEMO Seniors. He was truly as asset to education-he knew what had to be done and how to do it. He had the ability to motivate and interact with people. Sorry for your loss-he will be missed.

Gary Ross - September 07, 2025 at 11:58 AM

JB

“ As a school board member, I loved working with Dr. Huddleston! He was always kind, hard working, and dedicated to the students and staff of North County R-1 School System. He was fun and had a great smile and personality. I remember, too, that Uyvonne was a wonderful cook; and they were a happy couple and were very proud of their daughter Sheryl. Sheryl and family, please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love and Blessings.

Jackie Berry - September 06, 2025 at 10:30 AM

CA

“ I worked with Tom while he was Assistant Superintendent in the Pattonville School District. He helped guide me many times through difficult decisions when I was on the Board of Education. He always had a smile and a friendly, warm, handshake. He was a special friend that I will always remember. I know you have lots of wonderful memories to keep him always in your heart. My deepest sympathies to Vonnie and Cheryl and family.

Cheryl Apel - September 05, 2025 at 05:00 PM

PJ

“ We admired Tom's devotion to his family, education, and his faith. He will be missed in so many ways. John and Paula Jackson

Paula Jackson - September 05, 2025 at 12:42 PM

MH

“ A good friend and a great guy. Condolences to the family

Marvin Hahn - September 04, 2025 at 03:49 PM

MH

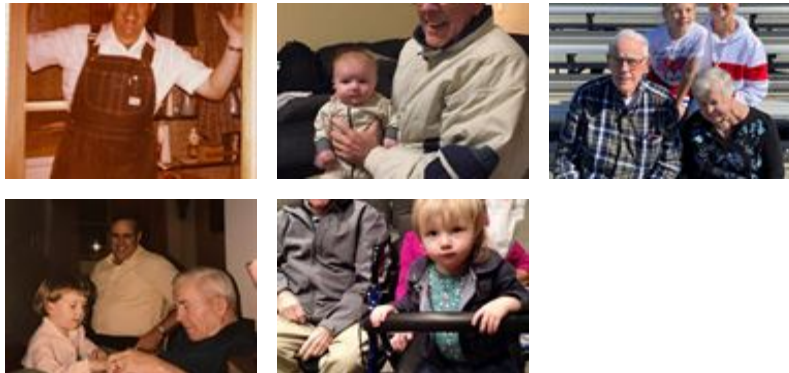
“ Marvin Hahn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Thomas Joe Huddleston.



Marvin Hahn - September 04, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ 34 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cole Family Funeral Home - September 04, 2025 at 11:13 AM

IR

“ Another good old Vulcan boy is gone! That's what Jim called the boys from Vulcan. Jim thought a lot of Tommy Joe. I imagine they are having a long talk in Heaven. So sorry for the family. You have my sympathy!!

Irene Dillingham Ruble

Irene Dillingham Ruble - September 04, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas Joe Huddleston.



September 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Thomas Joe Huddleston.

September 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas Joe Huddleston.



September 04, 2025 at 06:23 AM

CS

“ I worked with Dr. Huddleston when I first started with Pattonville School District in St. Louis back in October of 1988. He was an Asst. Superintendent and I was a Secretary. I remember him being one of the kindest and most caring persons I'd ever met. He loved Pattonville and did many things to improve the academics. He was a friend to all plus he had the best sense of humor. I have thought of him in the past and will always remember him as a great person to know.



Christina Shockley - September 04, 2025 at 12:11 AM

FC

“ Fellowship FWB Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Thomas Joe Huddleston.



Fellowship FWB Church - September 03, 2025 at 03:52 PM

RR

“ "Tommy Joe" was my BEST friend when we were kids. He was a consistent source of positivity. Whatever the situation he made it work.

Robertt Ruble - September 03, 2025 at 03:29 PM

GK

“ When your heart is empty, fill it with happy memories: Whatever is true, ... noble, ... right, ... pure, ... lovely, ... admirable ... if anything is excellent or praiseworthy ... think about such things. Philippians 4:8

Georgia Kelley - September 03, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SS

“ *Dr. Tom was a member of our Sunday School Class at Fellowship Free Will Baptist church for many years. He always brought much knowledge and fun.. He will be missed. Many blessings to the family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mizpah Sunday School Class*

Shirley J Toman Simpson - September 03, 2025 at 11:14 AM