



Max Timothy "Tim" Avant

April 30, 1959 - February 2, 2021

Starkville, MS - Max Timothy "Tim" Avant, age 61, was born on April 30, 1959, and passed away on February 2, 2021. Tim's passion was his love for music and band. He loved each and every student he taught. While attending MSU, Tim was drum major for "The Famous Maroon Band" as well as being their Auxiliary Coordinator for the past 5 years.

He taught in the Mississippi Public School Systems for 26 years and retired as Director of Bands from the Louisville School District in 2014. His teaching career began in McComb, followed by stops at Southwest MS Community College, Kosciusko, Amory, West Point and Stone County. Having taught on all academic levels from kindergarten to college, his primary focus was middle school and high school band. His groups consistently received superior ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading.

After graduating from West Point High School in 1977, he received his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Education degrees from Mississippi State University. He served on the staff of the Florida All-Star Marching Band, Mississippi Lions All-State Band in 1992 and was Visual Coordinator for the 2006 International Champion Mississippi Lions All-State Band. In 1994 and 1995, he served as Visual Coordinator for Itawamba Community College's WGI Southern Regional Finalist Indoor Color Guard. Tim was a member of the National Band Association, Mississippi

Bandmasters Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He served as an officer for the Northeast Mississippi Jr. High Band Directors Association, a former member of the Gulf Coast Band Directors and East Mississippi Band Directors Association. He adjudicates marching band, color guard and drum major throughout the Southeastern United States.

Tim is survived by his brother, Clint Avant and wife Jennifer of West Point; sisters, Tina Avant of West Point and Lynn Nance and husband Delynn of Caledonia; nieces, Stephanie Smith, Megan Pennington (Colby); nephews, Zack Avant (Leah) and Clay Nance (Nikki) and a host of great nieces and nephews.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Peggy Avant.

A graveside Celebration of Life Service will be held Monday, February 8, 2021 at 2:00pm from Odd Fellows Cemetery, Starkville, MS. The Famous Maroon Band will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Calvert Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Odd Fellows Cemetery

Starkville, MS

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Odd Fellows Cemetery
Starkville, MS

Tribute Wall

EY

“ I marched with Tim in the MSU band. We were both on the rifle line and became good friends. After graduating from MSU I would catch up with him every time I went back for a home game. I will miss him very much.

Many thoughts and prayers to his family.

Ellen E Young - February 10, 2021 at 02:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Max Timothy "Tim" Avant.

February 07, 2021 at 06:14 PM



WM

“ Tim was a true friend and will be greatly missed. Prayers to the family.

Wes Moore - February 07, 2021 at 12:01 AM



BJ

“ So sorry to hear of Tim's passing. Prayers to all of his family.



Bob Jolly - February 06, 2021 at 10:49 PM

JF

“ Tim will remain in our hearts forever! Our friendship with Avant will be eternally missed until we see him again!



Jenni Ferguson - February 05, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Max Timothy "Tim" Avant.



February 05, 2021 at 10:01 AM

SJ

“ Shon Myatt and Lane Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Max Timothy "Tim" Avant.



Shon Myatt and Lane Johnson - February 05, 2021 at 08:43 AM

AC

“ *Amanda Chandler lit a candle in memory of Max Timothy "Tim" Avant*



Amanda Chandler - February 05, 2021 at 08:16 AM

KW

“ *Kelly & Lauren Duncan and Jeff West. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Max Timothy "Tim" Avant.*



Kelly & Lauren Duncan and Jeff West. - February 04, 2021 at 04:16 PM

EB

“ *Evelyn Bennett lit a candle in memory of Max Timothy "Tim" Avant*



Evelyn Bennett - February 04, 2021 at 11:58 AM

SC

“ Tim was a colleague of mine at Amory Middle School and became a special friend. My three children were in the band and enjoyed it very much. Tim was such a talented teacher and had such a wonderful rapport with his students. Amory was blessed by the years he was here, and he left many wonderful memories and good friends. So sorry...my thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless and comfort you.



Sandra Carpenter - February 04, 2021 at 10:56 AM

DM

“ Debbie Morris lit a candle in memory of Max Timothy "Tim" Avant



Debbie Morris - February 04, 2021 at 02:36 AM

RH

“ He was a wonderful Band Director and the Amory High School color guard performances were always spectacular.



Ruby Willingham Holman - February 04, 2021 at 12:10 AM