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## Celebrating the Life of



## *Joseph William Glidewell, III*

April 12, 1950 – May 5, 2026



3 o'clock in the afternoon  
Saturday, May 9, 2026  
Chapel of Berry Funeral Home

# Obituary

Mr. Joseph William "Joe" Glidewell, III, 76, of Thompson Drive, Elberton, husband of Jane Balchin Glidewell, passed away suddenly but peacefully on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in the comfort of his home.

An only child, Joe was born in Elberton on April 12, 1950, to Joseph William Glidewell, II and Christina Gomez Glidewell. He graduated from Elbert County High School in 1968 and received his Bachelor's in Education from Georgia Southern in 1972. Mr. Glidewell later earned a Master's from Georgia College.

Mr. Glidewell began his teaching career at Samuel Elbert Academy where he taught Social Studies for two years before joining the special education department at Blackwell Junior High School. Joe then taught Social Studies at Boddie Junior High School in Milledgeville before returning to Elberton. Mr. Glidewell taught for several years at Elbert County Middle School before moving to Elbert County Comprehensive High School in 1989, where he taught American and World History, as well as AP History, and served as Department Head for the Social Studies Department. Many former students would later tell him that his class notes were so thorough that they used them in their college classes. After his retirement in 2005, Joe worked at ECCHS as an academic coach for an additional two years. He then taught for two years in the social studies department at Calhoun Falls High School, fully retiring from the classroom in 2009. Mr. Glidewell devoted 37 years of his life to enriching the lives of young people.

During his time at Blackwell Junior High, Joe met Jane, who he always called "Janie" because that is how assistant principal Leon Smith introduced them. The two became friends and he eventually asked her out. They married on April 30, 1978, and enjoyed 48 years of marriage.

A man of great faith, Joe grew up attending St. Alban's Episcopal Church. After his marriage to Jane, he joined Bethlehem United Methodist Church where he spent many years teaching the adult Sunday school class. He was a founding and current member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Joe had a deep love for music. A fan of Blues and Southern Rock, he played lead guitar in many groups throughout his life. He was also an avid sports fan, a collector and trader of baseball cards, and enjoyed cheering on his beloved New York Yankees. Joe was blessed that each of his sons shared one of his passions with him, JoJo, with music, and Clarke, with sports.

Above all, his greatest love was his family. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Jane, of Elberton; son, Joseph William "JoJo" Glidewell, IV of Athens; daughter-in-law, Cassie Glidewell of Grayson; and his beloved granddaughters, Lydia Jane and Willow Grace, who were the lights of their "PaPa's" life. Also surviving are his sisters-in-law: Patty Balchin of Elberton and Fran Hendley of Bloomfield, Missouri. Joe is preceded in death by his parents and son, Robert Clarke Glidewell.

# Order of Service

Processional - Mike Holland

Reading of Obituary & Opening Prayer - Rev. Jim McCollough

"Amazing Grace" - JoJo Glidewell & Clarence Cameron

Message - Rev. Jim McCollough

"Will The Circle Be Unbroken" - JoJo Glidewell & Clarence Cameron

Closing Prayer - Rev. Jim McCollough

"It Is Well" - Mike Holland

Recessional - Mike Holland

Interment - Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery

## Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at all the things we used to do  
Miss me, but let me go.  
-Christina Rossetti

