

Thomas Edward Dodd

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Mayor Of Chamblee Thomas E. Dodd Dies

Chamblee Mayor Thomas E. Dodd died this week while undergoing surgery for a triple heart bypass at Emory University.

On Friday, the four-man Chamblee City Council appointed Jack A. Crockford mayor pro tem until mayoral elections are held Dec. 5.

Dodd, 51, was the second Chamblee mayor to die of heart problems this year. A city councilman for 15 years, he replaced Mayor Woody Malone in June after Malone died of a heart attack.

Dodd had been admitted to West Paces Ferry Hospital on Sunday for tests. He was later transferred to Emory Hospital for the emergency operation and died on Thursday.

"We thought an awful lot of Mayor Dodd," said City Clerk Joanne Donaldson. "He was a man with a sense of humor and who really cared about people. He was respected and liked, and we enjoyed working with him."

Crockford said that candidates for the mayor's seat have until midnight Friday to qualify. So far, four names have been submitted: Johnson

W. "Doub" Brown, a former councilman; Councilman Cecil Boman; Charles Timko and Ted Boliver.

Crockford also said that Dodd was well-loved and respected.

"Tom was a good friend of mine," he said. "All those who knew him thought the world of him. He was always smiling — a really nice guy to be around."

Dodd, of 3092 Janice Circle, was a graduate of Denmore Business College in Staunton, Va. He also attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and received a real estate licence from Oglethorpe University.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He was a member of the Northwoods Baptist Church.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Oglethorpe Hill, burial in Laurel Wood Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edna Dodd; mother, Mrs. Robert O. Dodd of Hinton, W.Va. and brothers, R.O. Dodd of Atlanta and Charles F. Dodd of Greensboro, N.C.