

Jacksonville Ala.
June 14th 1901
Hon T.D. Samford,
Opelika Ala.
My dear Sir:
The sad news of

the death of your beloved father and
Alabama's much lamented Governor,

has filled me with the profoundest
sorrow.

If my own health and strength had
permitted, I should be, at this hour, (10 A.M., Friday)
present in person to attest my grief

and offer words of sympathy to you and

the bereaved family in your great
affliction.

His passing away was not unexpected,
yet it came to me as a great shock,
as it did to the citizenship of the
state who knew his great worth, -
who had honored him while living, and now
with unaffected grief, mourn his death
as a calamity to the Commonwealth.

From my earliest acquaintance I have
enjoyed his friendship, and esteemed
his exalted virtues.

Copy of letter to T.D. Samford
on hearing the death of his
father, Gov Samford

What a rich legacy he leaves those
who survive him - He was a patriot, a
statesman, in its truest sense; a brave and earnest

advocate of the right on all occasions, at the
Bar, on the hustings, in the Halls of

Legislation, in his every day walk and

conversations; a blameless private citizen

and a conscientious public servant
in the execution of every public trust;
scholarly, cultured, and a christian
gentleman!

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who survive him!

Please express to your grief stricken

mother and family, , words of tenderest

sympathy, and believe me always

cherishing the memory of your good

father, I am Your friend

Jno. H. Caldwell