

SFC (Ret) Thomas Louis Rowland

August 25, 1963 - January 24, 2011

SFC (Ret) Thomas L. Rowland, son of Ray Dean Rowland, Sr. and Patsy Mozell (Vines) Rowland, was born August 25, 1963 in St. Louis, Missouri at St. Lukes Hospital. He grew up in Bridgeton and attended Carrollton Oaks and Bridgeton elementary schools. He then attended Holman Junior High School and graduated from Pattonville High School in 1981. While in the military, Tom obtained his Associates Degree through Central Texas College.

On August 12, 1981, Tom entered the United States Army as a dental specialist and served his country faithfully until his retirement on June 21, 2001 after being injured while serving in Korea. He loved the life of the Army and serving his country. He earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (8th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 2, Army Service, Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar, Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W Bar, and the US Army Gold Recruiter Badge with 3 Sapphire Achievement Stars. He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

On February 13, 1986, Tom married the love of his life Antonia Maria

Schoenmann in Lyngby, Denmark. They shared over 24 years of marriage together and were blessed with one daughter: Sherry Ann.

Tom loved being a family man. His wife and daughter were the joys of his life. He enjoyed hunting and fishing until his medical condition tried to take that away from him. His passion then turned to World of Warcraft. Soon he had his whole family hooked on it. He enjoyed playing the game with his wife, daughter, brother, nieces, nephew and cousin.

Tom passed away the morning of Monday, January 24, 2011 in the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri at the age of 47 years, 4 months and 30 days. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved him. He left a big family behind not only here in the United States but also his in-laws in Germany and Holland.

Tom leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Antonia Rowland; one daughter: Sherry Ann Rowland, both of the home; his mother: Patsy Rowland of Sullivan, MO; one brother: Ray Dean Rowland, Jr. (Carol Sue) of St. Louis, MO; grandmother: Goldie Dale Vines of Sullivan, MO; three nieces: Paxton Mariah, Alexis Brooke and Paige Anne Rowland; one nephew: Austin Ray Rowland; father-in-law: Anton Schoenmann; brother-in-laws: Henry, Kai-Uwe, Joerg, Thomas, and Ulrich; sister-in-law: Beatrix along with their spouses and children; several aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his father: Ray Dean Rowland, Sr.; his grandparents: Elbert Vines and Dorothy and Walter T. Rowland; uncle: Lloyd Franklin Rowland; mother-in-law: Helga Schoenmann; cousins: Kay and Michael Rowland.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 28, 2011 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Ft. Leonard Wood with

Chaplain (MAJ) Chuck Searl officiating. Several friends and family members recalled their wonderful memories of Tom. Serving as escorts were the United States Army. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Tom Rowland and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, FLW
25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SFC (Ret) Thomas Louis Rowland*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to his friends and family Sgt Rowland was my first NCOIC at FLW DENTAC my first duty station. I will never forget how much he changed my perspective about people from different backgrounds me being a city boy and he a country boy who loved to fish. I thought he hated me, I thought he was harder on me than the other soldiers in the clinic. He forced me to do all these correspondence courses and I thought it was punishment because no other privates were doing them. I can still remember him coming through the door, coffee cup in hand, and he'd say ...Sarge wtf in a way only he could say it. Well time went on he invited my then wife and I to his home and his wife who I remember was from Germany made us a really good meal. He had a daughter who was barely walking back then, cute little girl with blond hair. He left FLW before I did and It wasn't until he left that I realized he put me in position to make SGT E5 by the time I was 21. All those correspondence courses all the extra work he gave me awesome reviews. He called back one day and I answered the phone Spc Kelly how can I..(and a voice says).NOoooo Sarge WTF you ain't a sergeant yet? I said no but I go to the board next week, and btw thanks man I thought you hated me because I was blackyou really got me ahead of all my peers and I just wanted to thank you. He said hated you cuz you were black???? he said I only see green and I could tell you'd be a hell of a soldier one day. Man got me over here tearing up. RIP big fella you will never be forgotten. Truly one of a kind!

Ronald Kelly - March 17, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ SFC (Ret) Thomas Louis Rowland

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ I am saddened and shocked to find out about Tom's passing. He was my PSNCO during my time as the 1SG at the FLW DENTAC. He was a good soldier and a friend, He will be missed. RIP and HOOAH!##imported-begin##Joaquin(Jack) E. Meris MSG/USA (Retired)##imported-end##

April 10, 2012 at 12:39 PM



“ Dear Antonia, Sherry and family. Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache, but those who care and share your loss are wishing you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends! Please accept our deepest sympathy!##imported-begin##Nadine & Clemens Bruederer##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 08:21 AM



“ Dear Antonia, Sherry Ann and family. I'm so sorry that you lost Thomas way to early, be sure my thoughts are with you. Please accept my deepest sympathy!##imported-begin##Kai-Uwe Schoenmann##imported-end##

January 30, 2011 at 02:41 PM



“ Dear Antonia, Sherry and family.
I'm so sorry that you lost Tom way to early, be sure my thoughts and prayers are with you!
Though I haven't seen Tom for many years I'll still always remember him and the great time we had with him here in Germany.
My deepest sympathy!##imported-begin##Beatrix Hey##imported-end##

January 30, 2011 at 09:17 AM



“ To lose someone dear, too early and unexpectedly is very hard.
Words don't help, time want heal the pain.
All you can do is learn to deal whit the loss.
For me, Tom always was a part of our family.
Where ever you are now,
Rest in Peace, Brother.##imported-begin##Joerg Schoenmann##imported-end##

January 30, 2011 at 04:35 AM



“ My heart goes out to the family! I'm so sorry his life was short but I will miss him. I had worked with him and we would talk about old times. I just found out about his passing. I pray that God will bless your family and that he has a new angel in heaven.

God Bless

ET##imported-begin##SFC (Ret) Ira Entsminger AKA
ET##imported-end##

January 29, 2011 at 11:32 PM



“ Dear Antonia and Family, Please accept my deepest sympathy over The loss of Tommy. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family God bless you all. Henry Lässig##imported-begin##Lässig Henry##imported-end##

January 29, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ Dear Toni / Sherry-Ann,
Words cannot describe what you might feel, the grief, the sadness, the empty space in your lives.....I will be there for you, ALWAYS.

In Love
your brother & uncle
Ulli##imported-begin##Ulli Schonmann##imported-end##

January 28, 2011 at 05:02 PM



“ Dear Antonia, Sherry Ann, Patsy, Ray and family,
your loss of a husband, father, son and brother hits me unexpectedly.
Thomas came to Germany and married my sister, took her along to the USA.
I never felt this as the loss of a sister, no, I have got there a new brother.
Now since he has died far too early, only this one remains, the deep sympathy on your mourning.##imported-begin##Thomas Schoenmann##imported-end##

January 28, 2011 at 04:52 PM



“ Unser herzlichstes Beileid liebe Toni an dich und deine Familie

Die Lum Familie##imported-begin##Dayjen Lum##imported-end##

January 28, 2011 at 02:18 PM



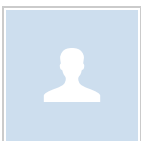
“ We are saddened by this loss. Our hearts are with you Toni.
Remember we are always here for you.##imported-begin##Donald
& Melissa Doyle##imported-end##

January 28, 2011 at 08:06 AM



“ Toni; I remember that summer we ran around Ft Wood, Waynesville
and Dixon. We had such a great time bowling, swimming, and just
hanging out. I remember Leena and I living with you when you were
first pregnant with Sherri. Tom went fishing and you all thought that
I'd scale the fish...NEVER.. It was so gross. Tom got such a kick out
of it. He was great and will be dearly missed. I'm so glad we had
that summer together.##imported-begin##Jeanna
Bullock##imported-end##

January 27, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ To my brother, my cousin, my friend. I love you always
Cuz##imported-begin##Sally##imported-end##

January 27, 2011 at 07:10 PM



“ *Liebe Toni und Familie,
Unser tiefstes Beileid.
Susi & Familie##imported-begin##Susanne Clarke##imported-
end##*

January 27, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ *My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Tom will be
deeply missed. Love you. Leena##imported-begin##Leena
Lewis##imported-end##*

January 27, 2011 at 08:19 AM

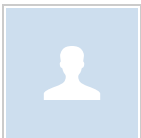


“ *I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge - myth is more
potent than history - dreams are more powerful than facts - hope
always triumphs over experience - laughter is the cure for grief -
love is stronger than death.*

*When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes
a treasure.*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the
family.##imported-begin##Debbie Grover##imported-end##*

January 27, 2011 at 07:28 AM



“ *Life is fragile, thankfully we have a loving God to cover us and grant
us mercy and grace to sustain us through difficult times. I pray God
comforts you all in this difficult time. Prayers going up for you
all.##imported-begin##Dianna Cooper##imported-end##*

January 27, 2011 at 05:38 AM



“ *Das einzig Wichtige im Leben
sind die Spuren der Liebe,
die wir hinterlassen,
wenn wir ungefragt gehen müssen.*

Mein herzlichstes Beileid. Ich denk an Dich und Deine Familie.

Franziska##imported-begin##Franziska##imported-end##

January 27, 2011 at 12:41 AM



“ *There are many men in this world...and then there are Men. Tom is
a Man who defines honor, integrity, friendship, compassion...and
above all- love. As the king of his castle, he helped me laugh often,
always shared all that he had, and gave me his shoulder for me
tears. No one could ever ask for a better friend. While we will miss
him dearly, he lives in our hearts and memories always....and
always with a smile. I love you all, and I am here for you.
Blessings.##imported-begin##Jess Rivers##imported-end##*

January 26, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ Tony, Ray, & Aunt Pat,

My heart goes out to you all. Words cannot take away the pain you are feeling right now, only time can heal. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I pray for God's comfort on you during your time of healing.

God Bless You All.

Cindy, Victor Foster###imported-begin##Cindy & Victor Foster###imported-end##

January 26, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ *I am so sorry to here this . Dear Tony I pray God holds you close to him during this trying time Please except my Condolences.*
Paula###imported-begin##Paula Ransome###imported-end##

January 26, 2011 at 09:14 AM



“ *SFC Rowland was my NCOIC at two different clinics at FLW. He was a good soldier and did an excellent job in managing other soldiers. I always appreciated his candor and his humor. He always let me know what he thought was best for getting the job done. I am sorry that he passed on at a too young age. I will have fond memories of our time together and of his dedicated service to our country!###imported-begin##COL (Ret) Andrew Cassidy###imported-end##*

January 25, 2011 at 07:02 PM



“ We miss you Uncle Tommy and I'm sad you're not here but will think of you often.##imported-begin##Alexis, Austin & Paige##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 10:07 PM



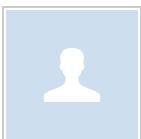
“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS PATSY. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME.##imported-begin##LOIS AND LEROY LOFTON##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 09:45 PM



“ Dear Rowland Family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy over the loss of Tommy. What a good and kindhearted man he was. I'll miss how he always teased and joked, and made me laugh. I'm praying that healing will touch your family's hearts. For now, my thoughts, prayers, and heartfelt sympathy are with you and your family.##imported-begin##victoria nicholson##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 09:23 PM



“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ray & Carol Rowland##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 08:59 PM