



CSM (Ret) Thomas Harold Chambers

May 8, 1957 - July 25, 2019

Thomas Harold Chambers was born May 8, 1957 in Yonkers, New York. He passed away Thursday, July 25, 2019 in his home having attained the age of 62 years.

Tom grew up in Yonkers where he attended school and graduated from high school. While in high school, Thomas met a young girl by the name of Christine Doyle. They became high school sweethearts and were united in marriage on February 17, 1979. They shared 30 years of marriage together and were blessed with two sons: Kristian P. and Thomas R. Chambers.

Tom entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully for 27 years and retired with the rank of Command Sergeant Major. For his faithful service, he earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (7th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), Arm of Occupation Medal, National defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Tars (BSS), Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (K), Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA), Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge. While in the service, Tom furthered his education by

obtaining two Master's Degrees.

After retiring from the military, Tom continued to serve his country as a manager of the Basic Officer Leadership Course on Fort Leonard Wood. He was a member of the 554th Engineer Alumni and enjoyed planning and hosting their annual reunion in the Fort Leonard Wood area.

In his spare time, Tom enjoyed traveling with close friends and going to the beach in Florida with his family. He especially liked going on Caribbean cruises with his son and his companion Becky. It pleased him greatly to spend time with his friends and family during the holidays and getting to spoil his grandson Cooper.

Tom was a very giving person and was a friend and confidante to many. He was always willing to listen and to help anyway that he could.

Tom leaves to cherish his memory, his two children: Kristian P. Chambers (Bryan Thrasher) of Springfield, MO and Thomas R. Chambers (Jeremy Markusic) of St. Robert, MO; his companion: Rebecca McKenzie of Waynesville, MO; one grandson: Cooper Thrasher; one sister: Ruth Chambers of Yonkers, NY; several other relatives and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother: Amelia Mae Hale and his wife: Christine Chambers.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2019 in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville with Stephanie Bowens officiating. 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 CSM (Ret) Thomas Chambers to the Delbert Day Cancer Center of Rolla and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of CSM (Ret) Thomas Harold Chambers*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 31, 2019 at 09:27 AM



I hope you feel better in the skies, CSM. I thank you for your time in service, I thank you for all the soldiers you lead and gave guidance to, I thank you for all you have done within our ranks. I also thank your wife and family for their sacrifice over the years. You will be missed by many many people. Rest Easy CSM! Til Valhalla Brother

Eric Pack - September 25, 2019 at 07:59 PM




“ *CSM (Ret) Thomas Harold Chambers*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

JH

“*Sad to hear this wonderful man has passed. Tom was my boss, mentor and counsel for many years at the 554th En Bn, until I retired in 2012. Most of all though, he was my friend. I could always count on Tom to be supportive, fair, understanding, wise, strong, and honest both working together and personally. He and I went through many good and bad times both professionally and personally through the years; my loss of my husband, Jack, his loss of his dear wife Christine, family issues, illnesses, work changes and ups and downs, etc. it was comforting to me, and to so many others who had the privilege of knowing Tom, that his door was always open and his counsel and support was there and offered when needed. Rest In Peace Tom, I know you are happy to be with Chris once again.*”

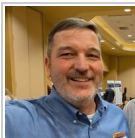
June Hunt - March 11, 2020 at 09:39 AM


Elizabeth
Carpenter

“*My heartfelt condolences to Thomas, Jeremy & the rest of the family. Mike & I had the pleasure to work with Thomas & Jeremy. Seeing how Thomas & Jeremy lived their lives, it is obvious that they had an excellent role model. I know your hearts are broken right now. Hold tight to those memories & lessons learned. I know he is so proud of you all.*”



Elizabeth Carpenter - July 31, 2019 at 01:05 PM

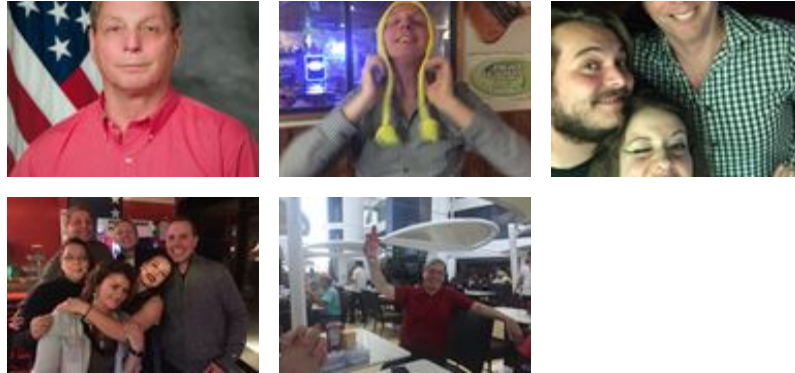


“*Tom, I'm so thankful for the time that we had with you. I appreciated your cool head, wise counsel, wealth of experience, and willingness to be patient and invest in the next generation of young leaders - from the 2LTs, to the cadre, and even BN CDRs/CSMs.*”

Kevin Golvinghorst - July 31, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ 164 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 30, 2019 at 06:01 PM

SD

“ *Tom, you have no idea how much we are going to miss you. We have had so many good times with you and Chris. From the first time we met in Germany, I knew we were going to be lifelong friends and it sure turned out that way. We are blessed to call you friends. Rest in love, dear friend.*



Sherry Dement - July 30, 2019 at 01:37 PM

RW

“ *Roberta (Bert) Wilson lit a candle in memory of CSM (Ret) Thomas Harold Chambers*



Roberta (Bert) Wilson - July 29, 2019 at 09:05 AM

BA

“ Tom was an amazing man, very dedicated to this Country, it's Army, and especially the entirety of the Engineer Regiment! His finger prints will remain stamped on the regiment for a long time to come. I was honored to have served with Tom on several occasions over the past 10 years and know he will be missed.

My deepest sympathies to his dear family and prayers for comfort and peace in this sad time of loss.

Brent Adams - July 27, 2019 at 06:56 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of CSM (Ret) Thomas Harold Chambers



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 27, 2019 at 03:59 PM

FW

“ Tom was a GREAT GUY to work with. He will be MISSED!! May GOD BLESS him on his journey to the LORD. Frank Webb

Frank Webb - July 27, 2019 at 10:33 AM

VW

“ Shocked and saddened to hear this. Tom was where I went to vent when I was angry. I don't know if he agreed, but he always made me feel better! His office door was always open. He even volunteered the little closet in his office as a pumping station for nursing mothers as it had a door for privacy and electrical outlet for the equipment. He was a friend to many. A very kind man. I will miss him. Rest In Peace.

Vicki

Vicki Woody - July 27, 2019 at 09:21 AM

BW

“ I worked with Tom for the past 14 years, a professional to the end. My prayers to his family.

Bill Westfall - July 26, 2019 at 06:24 PM

DT

“ Prayers to the family. Mr Chambers was always so kind and thoughtful. He will be missed.



Deanna Thompson - July 26, 2019 at 03:54 PM