



## Robin Gene Tornow

April 30, 1942 - August 22, 2010

Brigadier General (Retired), Robin Gene Tornow, 68 of Newnan, GA passed away Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born in 1942 in Monroe, WI to the late Eugene William Tornow and Antonia F. Nuwash Tornow of Newnan.

General Tornow was a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO. General Tornow retired from the U.S. Air Force after 29 years of service to his country. He was serving on the National Board of The Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings. General Tornow received a Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics from University of Texas. He was active in developing the plans and securing the funds for the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Newnan. General Tornow was director of the University of West Georgia Newnan Center for 11 years, was a member of the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission, board member of the United Way of Atlanta and was also a member of the VFW, the Newnan Rotary Club and he was Coweta County Citizen of the year in 2008. Rob was an active member of Newnan First United Methodist Church.

General Tornow is survived by his wife, Barbara Kelly Tornow of Newnan; daughter, Kelli and husband Brad Frazier of Grapevine, TX; son, Brett and wife Kristin Tornow of Roswell, GA; mother, Antonia F. Tornow of Newnan; brother, Joel Tornow of Meridian, ID . He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jordan and Jackson Frazier and David and Ryan Tornow.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com) . The

family respectfully requests no flowers. Those who wish may make donations to the Newnan First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 33 Greenville St., Newnan, GA 30263 or to The Lung Cancer Research Foundation, 845 Third Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10022

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 11 a.m. at Newnan First United Methodist Church with Reverends Med Roach, Gary Parrish, Sharon Edgar, Bill Reeves and Mr. Dick Stender officiating. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263. Interment will be held at a later date at the Air Force Academy Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Inurnment services will be held on October 4, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

McKoon Funeral Home, 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

**AUG 25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Newnan First United Methodist Church  
33 Greenville Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robin Gene Tornow*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *My condolences to all who loved and cared for General Tornow, from a fellow USAFA Class of '65 graduate.*

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**Harry Rodman** - September 02, 2010 at 08:52 PM

LT

“ *Dearest Barb and family, I asked the Lord to hug you today. I pray that you and your family will be strengthen by His loving hands. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Janet and Larry Taylor - Eudora, KS*

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**Larry and Janet Taylor** - September 02, 2010 at 05:18 PM

RS

“ *As a classmate at the Academy I am saddened to hear of Rob's passing. I wish his family my best.*

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**Robert Salas** - August 30, 2010 at 11:08 PM

YC

“ It was a pleasure to take care of "The General" while he was on our unit. My heart goes out to your sweet family. Thank you for letting us love on you during this difficult time. My prayers are with you!  
Sincerely, Yvonne Conaway, RN PNH

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**Yvonne Conaway** - August 28, 2010 at 05:06 PM

BP

“ Dear Barbara, Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. As expected, Rob fought the good fight. Please let us know when the Air Force Academy memorial service will be held, as we would like to attend if possible. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Barb and Kent

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**Barb and Kent Polfer** - August 27, 2010 at 09:58 PM

PR

“ Rob's contributions to the USAF, the community, and we're sure to the family are and will be treasured memories. Our prayers are with each of the family and friends of a true patriot.

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**Phil & Jonell Roberts** - August 27, 2010 at 06:28 PM

CI

“ As a student of then Major Tornow at the USAF Academy in the 1970's, I looked to him as a role model in all things - what it meant to have a passion for engineering, leadership, and service to Nation. During my senior year at the USAFA, he led engineering students in designing and building an automobile from scratch. We made plenty of mistakes (always fixed before we moved on). He was, at once, insistent on "getting it right" and a patient mentor in doing so. I have never forgotten the lessons he taught and will keep him, his family and friends close in thought and prayer.

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**Chris Inglis** - August 27, 2010 at 05:51 AM

DW

“ Dear Barbara and family: I am very sorry for your loss. In the University of West Georgia family Rob was a gifted leader, a good friend, and a most valuable colleague. I have missed his steady, reliable and wise counsel since he retired. His word was his bond, and he exemplified all that is meant by integrity. As Barbara knows, Rob was at times frustrated by the byzantine politics and bureaucracy of higher education, but his persistence, his dedication to accomplishing the task at hand overcame those obstacles. I pray the repose of his soul, and I wish God's blessings and God's love for all of you in this your time of grief. Sincerely, Don Wagner

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**Don Wagner** - August 27, 2010 at 01:03 AM

HW

“ Barb and Family, We remember the great times and were so pleased when you followed us to Panama. Rob, you and your family were great Air Force leaders and we were privileged to serve with you and to know you. We enjoyed seeing you at the last reunion. Our prayers are with you. Our Love, Hal & B.J.

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**Hal & B.J. Watson** - August 26, 2010 at 08:04 PM

TJ

“ Barb and Family, Rob and I shared a unique experience being roommates during our Doolie (first) summer at the academy. We didn't stay in touch much during our subsequent careeers. We did have an extended conversation at the last class reunion and I was struck by his resolve and apparent sucess fighting his cancer. He will be missed. I am sorry for your loss. Tim

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**Tim O'Keefe Jr** - August 26, 2010 at 07:38 PM

RI

“ Barb, I am sorry to hear of your loss --- I was not aware of Rob's condition. He was always a real straight shooter and I am glad I had the opportunity to know him. I just signed up for our OHS reunion. I am sure that all our classmates also wish the best for you. We hope you will be able to attend, but understand if you don't. With deepest regards, Rich Flechsig

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**Rich** - August 26, 2010 at 06:18 PM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of General Tornow. Thank you so much for all that you have done for your country and community. We will miss you at East Coweta football games, but your spirit will be with us.

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**Ron Beaucham** - August 25, 2010 at 10:53 PM

DP

“ I enjoyed speaking to the General earlier this year at the American Legion, he was very knowledgeable and a pleasure to speak too. I wish I had the chance to know better.

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**Daniel Poirier** - August 25, 2010 at 01:10 PM

JP

“ ON BEHALF OF THE MAJOR STEPHEN W. PLESS  
DETACHMENT #1196 OF THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE IN  
GRIFFIN, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CODOLENCE.

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**JIM PRITCHETT** - August 24, 2010 at 10:31 PM

ED

“ Ed and I feel so fortunate to have spent time with you and Rob and will treasure those memories. Ed is in Detroit and we regret we can not share with you our condolences in person. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ed and Donna Dailey** - August 24, 2010 at 06:10 PM

TC

“ Barb, Kelli and Brett, We are very sorry to hear about Rob, I wish we could be there with you during your time of sorrow. We love you, Terri & Don Crist

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**Terri & Don Crist** - August 24, 2010 at 06:00 PM

DN

“ I remember my trip to visit Rob and family with my grandparents (Gladys and Frank) when I was a young girl with fondness. He was well respected and it was a true honor to see him in action at the air force base. To my young eyes he was the most amazing, most powerful, and most commanding presence I had ever met. He will live on forever in my memory as this man. My deepest condolences during this time. Sincerely, Diedre.

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**Diedre Nuwash-Bricker** - August 24, 2010 at 05:03 PM

MH

“ We are blessed to have been acquainted with this leader among men who truly 'walked the walk.' Please accept our deepest sympathy. May God's comfort surround and embrace you during your time of grief.

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**Mr. & Mrs. Roger Harper** - August 24, 2010 at 04:58 PM

GD

“ Rob Tornow was a great patriot, and a hard worker in our community. My military son (Ret. AF) and I (Vietnam '66) want to Thank You for all your efforts with the Veterans Wall and Park. Your efforts allowed us to have our bricks be part of this honor.

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**Gigi Deichelbor - Donut Dolly** - August 24, 2010 at 04:19 PM

NT

“ Barb and Family, We are so sorry for the loss of Rob. All of us will truly miss him! The Twomeys

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**Nancy and Mike Twomey** - August 24, 2010 at 04:01 PM

RP

“ Dear Barb, words are so inadequate at a time such as this. Rob will certainly be missed in this community and his church, and by his many friends. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, and may God grant you a sense of peace and comfort. God Bless You, Ray and Gerrie

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**Ray and Gerrie Petty** - August 24, 2010 at 03:58 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Rob for 11 years during his tenure with the University of West Georgia. His contribution to the Newnan Center and Coweta County was admirable. He was a friend and colleague and will be missed. Our condolences and prayers go out to his family. May he rest in peace.

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**Jerry Mock** - August 24, 2010 at 03:56 PM

LW

“ Barbara and Family - I was fortunate to meet Rob through the Veteran's Plaza and had the pleasure of working with him and learning from him. I will remember Rob's wonderful outlook, his always thinking of others, and the inspiration he has been to me. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. Libby Winn

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**Libby Winn** - August 24, 2010 at 03:47 PM

RM

“ Rob was a good friend and an inspirational mentor. We will all miss him very much. Our prayers are with his family.

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**Rob and Eileen Muzio** - August 24, 2010 at 03:41 PM

GS

“ The short time I knew Rob through United Way and the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission will be remembered. He always was dedicated to his work and the community. The General's legacy will live on forever in our community. I respected him immensely. I am very sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Gina Snider** - August 24, 2010 at 02:00 PM

DD

“ We wish we had had more time to get to know Rob better but the short time we spent together during rose society events will be fondly remembered. Our love, and that of all the members of the South Metro Rose Society, goes out to you, Barb, and all your family in these dark times. David (LTC, ret.) and Cindy (MAJ, ret.) Dale

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**David & Cindy Dale** - August 24, 2010 at 01:45 PM

AR

“ *Barb and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest condolences as you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Ann Rouse*

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**Ann Rouse** - August 24, 2010 at 01:16 PM

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“ *Dear Barbara and family, I met Rob here through the Coweta Citizen of the Year Program and volunteer work. He was in the Newnan Rotary and I have been in Kiwanis belonging to the Kiwanis Club of Peachtree City. We put on the Great GA Air Show every October. But where I first met him was in the Pentagon. We were both Panel Chairmen in the Air Force Board Structure. He was the War Readiness Material (WRM) Panel Chairman and I was the Personnel Activities (PA) Panel Chairman. He did many, many good things here for our Newnan/Coweta community, but he was also an outstanding Air Force Officer. The work that he did helping to plan out the Air Force for the future is a wonderful legacy. Our deepest condolences to you and your family.*

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**Colonel Mick Maguire, USAF (Retired)** - August 24, 2010 at 01:14 PM

SS

“ *Dear Barb and family, You are in my prayers. I don't have the words to express how sorry I am in your loss. Rob was a wonderful man and he was instrumental in years of encouragement to complete college and than to go on to get my master's degree while still raising a family and working. He loved his family very much and I know that your hearts are missing him. May God carry you in His loving arms during your time of grief.*

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**Shelia Storey** - August 24, 2010 at 12:51 PM

NN

“ It is a long list of reasons why I respected and admired my cousin Rob. I'm hoping to see you all at The Academy internment. Please let us know so we can plan.

Neal Nuwash - August 24, 2010 at 12:37 PM

WC

“ Barbara and family; We'll remember Rob's dedication to family, country and community we're honored that we were priviledged to know, and enjoy his company. Our sincerest condolences to the family of this respected, good and courageous man. Sincerely, Bill and Linda Crowden

William Crowden - August 24, 2010 at 10:43 AM

MY

“ The General was a good man, a Family Man and a community man. He will be missed. Our prayers to the Tornow Family.

Mike Yeager - August 24, 2010 at 09:38 AM

BM

“ We were saddened to learn of your loss. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Family through this difficult time of your grief. Beverly - CCMGA

Beverly & James Maddox - August 24, 2010 at 09:37 AM

TR

“ As a Veteran and member of the Newnan Coweta Historical Society I am very priviledged to have known the General. He will be missed. May God be with his family at this time. Tom Redwine

Tom Redwine - August 24, 2010 at 09:04 AM

BH

“ Rob Tornow, Thank You for your dedicated service to our Country and our Community. You always took a stand for what was Right. We are all very blessed to have known you. God bless your family in their great loss. Blue Skies Forever, Rob

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**Brad & Nell Hyatt** - August 23, 2010 at 06:05 PM

JH

“ As a fellow member of the Daedalian Flt. 102, I want you to know that Rob will be greatly missed. So sorry for your loss. He was a great patriot. V V Joe

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**Joe Hickox** - August 23, 2010 at 05:56 PM

RD

“ Barb & family, We will all miss Rob, he touched so many of our lives in Newnan. What I am feeling now is hard to put into words. Our prayers and support will always be here for you. Ray & Linda DuBose

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**Ray & Linda DuBose** - August 23, 2010 at 02:18 PM